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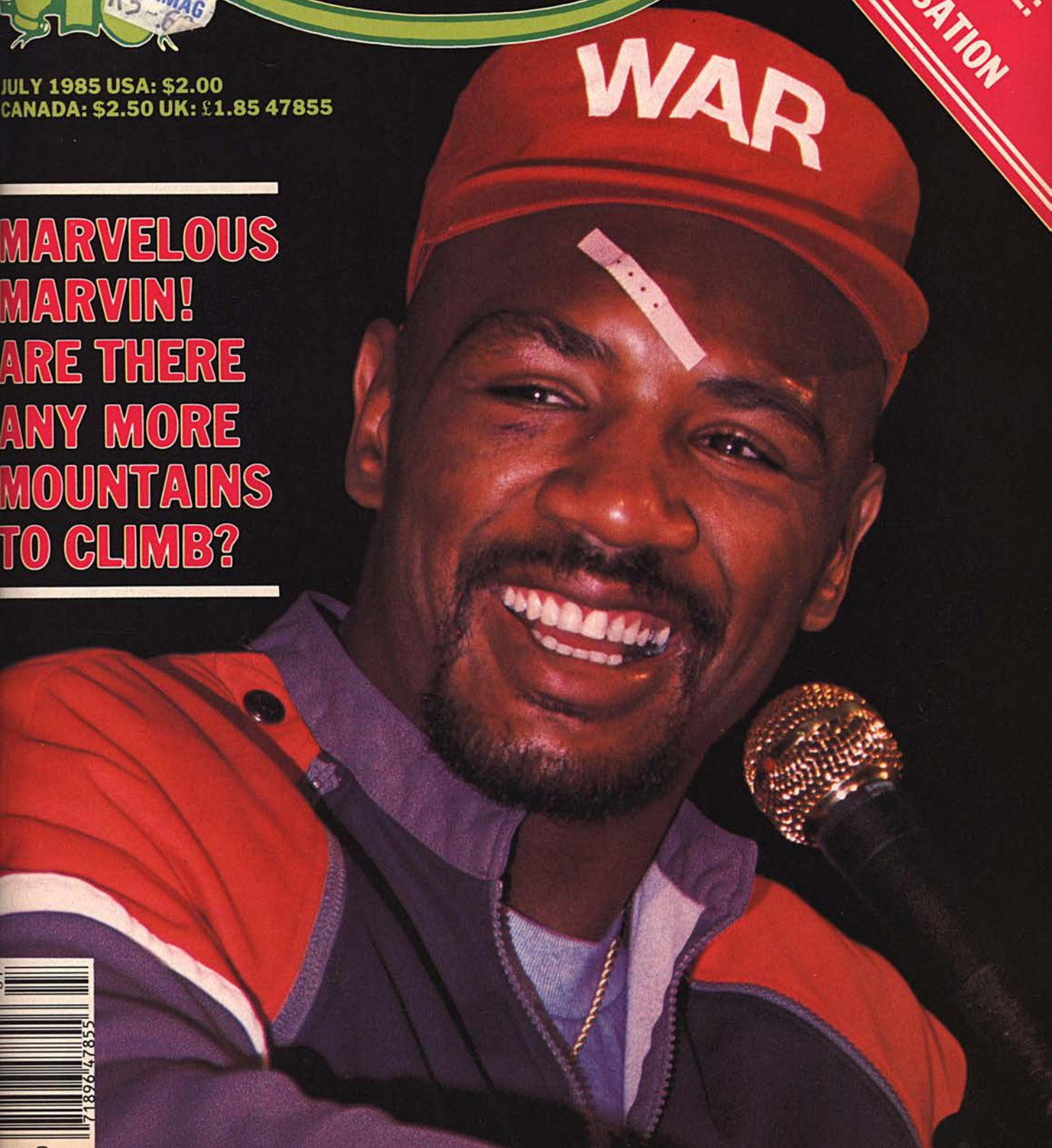

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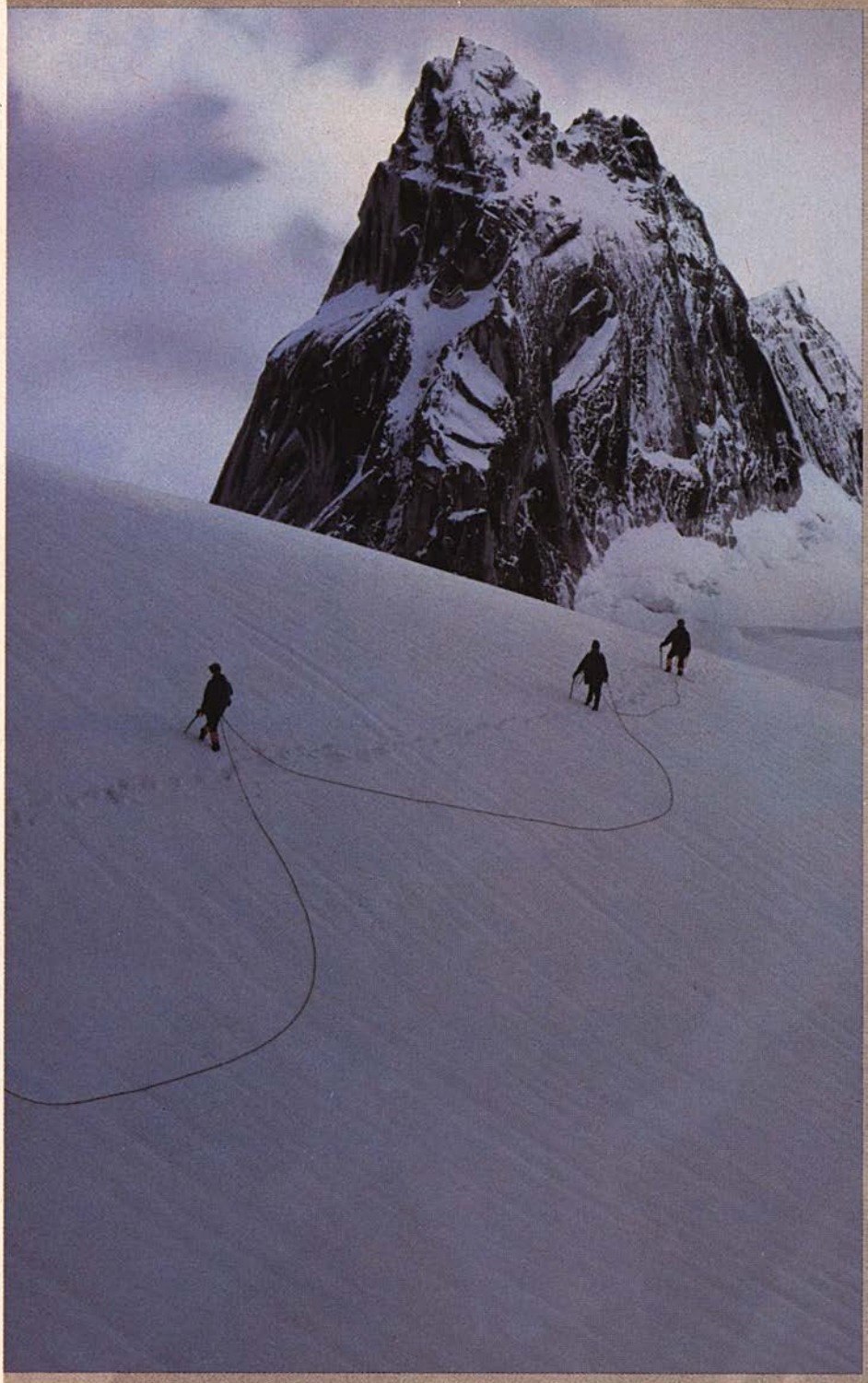

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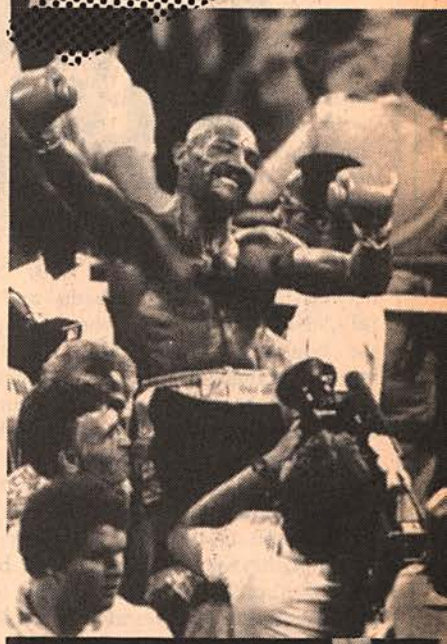

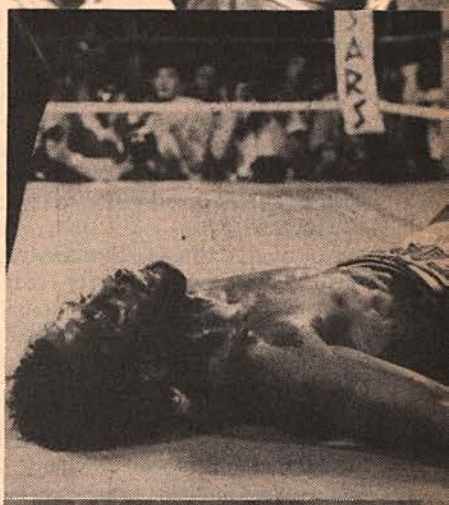

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IT IS APPROXIMATELY 2,500 MILES between Las Vegas, Nevada and Buffalo, New York. But when comparing the quality of two major fights held recently in these cities, one has to speak in terms of light-years. I refer, of course, to the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns classic and the Tony Tubbs-Greg Page travesty.

The difference between these two fights was obvious to everyone who saw them. Hagler's third round knockout of Hearns takes its place alongside some of the greatest fights in the annals of boxing history. On the other hand, Tubbs' points win over Page should be forgotten as quickly as possible. But before we completely dismiss the Tubbs-Page burlesque, it's worth taking a closer look at both fights—in an effort to understand why one title bout (Hagler-Hearns) was so special, and why another (Tubbs-Page) turned out to be such a dog.

A lot of criticism has been leveled at the World Boxing Association for recognizing Page as their heavyweight champion in the first place. But while it is true that the WBA has made its share of mistakes, they can't be blamed for this one. The WBA title was also at stake in the Hagler-Hearns fight—a fact that certainly didn't detract one iota that donnybrook.

Others like to blame promoter Don King for making the Tubbs-Page match. Now, Don is no saint, but a poor clash of styles notwithstanding, matching the champion (WBA version, anyway) with a highly ranked and undefeated challenger is hardly a disgrace. And while nobody figured Tubbs-Page to be in a class with Hagler-Hearns, one did have a right to expect a helluva lot more than that pair of behemoths delivered. No, King is not the culprit this time.

The converse is also true. Bob Arum was not directly responsible for the fantastic display of fist fighting put on by Hagler and Hearns. The promoters just bring the fighters together. You seldom see them in the ring after the pre-fight introductions.

The truth of the matter, both here and in practically all major fights, is that it is the fighters themselves who bear the ultimate burden of "making" the fight—one way or another.

Some point at Tubbs' and Page's ample waistlines as the reason for their uninspiring performances. But in all fairness, I've seen overweight, out-of-shape fighters battle their hearts out. Lack of conditioning alone is just a symptom—not the disease. As in most of life, the underlying factor that divides the likes of Hagler and Hearns from Page and Tubbs is ATTITUDE.

A *real* fighter, such as Hagler, casts his entire being into a fight. Boxing is not a sport for the genuine warrior. It's a way of life, the essence of the man. And for such men, winning is not the final judgment. Thomas Hearns covered himself in more glory losing the biggest fight of his career than Tubbs did winning his.

In some ways, the prize ring is like religion—many are called, but few are chosen. And those who are chosen, those who rise to greatness by providing the great fights that justify our love of the game, all have one thing in common. They share an attitude of total and unqualified commitment to their task, the attitude of a *fighter.*

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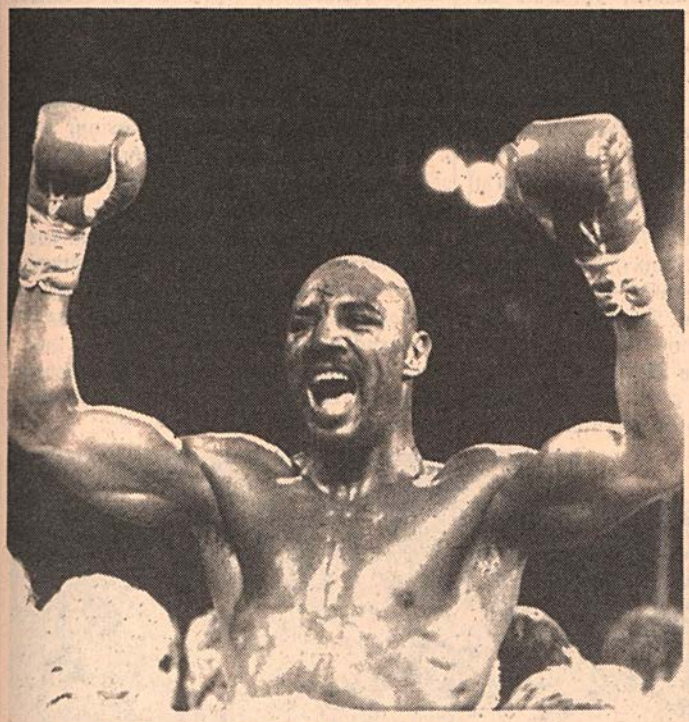

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Marvelous Marvin Hagler wasn't the only one delighted by his knockout over Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns. His victory gave reader Maxine Grimes "the most wonderful feeling."

A BEEF FROM BRITAIN

DELIGHTED YOU PROFILED (MARCH '85) Johnny Leeman, 80-year-old Nevada inspector and, rightly, considered a Gentleman. Why I am surprised? He's direct stock from Geordieland, the North East of England, despite the reference that he is of "Scotch-Irish" lineage.

The Scots are Scots or Scottish from Scotland. Scotch is spelled only for the dreaded hard-stuff. I shan't tell you again.

Presumably, you do not regard Frank Bruno highly but, honest, he must have been worth at least indexing in your recent list of "Outside Americas" particularly since the alphabet does include Joe Bugner, who is currently happily fattening in Australia.

REGGIE GUTTERIDGE
Independent TV, Britain

Editors Note: Regarding Bruno; at the time the Annual Ratings were compiled, Frank was rated number seventeen in our International Ratings. The legend at the beginning of the alphabetical listings clearly explained that fighters already ranked in the International Ratings would not appear in the Annual Ratings. I *shan't* tell you again.

BACK TO BASICS

I RECENTLY WATCHED THE FIGHT between Larry Holmes and David Bey on HBO. I'm all for these special matches on pay TV, cable, pay per view, and closed circuit. My problem is all the pre-fight bullcrap about the fighter's mothers, sisters, ex-sisters-in-laws, etc. There were two preliminary bouts (Michael Dokes-Tex Cobb and Tony Tubbs-Bonecrusher Smith) I would have liked to have seen instead. The clowns at HBO didn't even bother to tell us who won. I think it's time they got back to what got them there is the first place—old fashioned fighting.

DAN BUCKLEY
Cincinnati, Ohio

TWO CORNERS HEARD FROM

I FEEL THAT I MUST RESPOND TO *The Ring*'s editorial on referees' tendency to halt contests prematurely. In my opinion, every state should follow New Jersey's lead when it comes to ring safety. Sure there are fights like Moore-Durelle with tremendous comebacks. But how often do they really happen? I can't help but think that if fights like Wilford Sypion-Willie Classen and Lupe Pintor-Johnny Owen were held in New Jersey, boxing would have two less black eyes to deal with.

GORDON LUIS
Shell Beach, California

I AGREE WITH YOUR EDITORIAL IN *Ring*'s April issue. The increasing number of premature stoppages by boxing referees has detracted from the sport. I also agree that the standing eight count is undesirable in *professional* boxing. But I also feel that the referee should be empowered with some other means of temporarily halting the action without having to actually stop the fight via the TKO route. This need was particularly evident in the recent Donald Curry-James Green encounter. Your thoughts?

CLAUDE KLEIMAN
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Editor's note: When a medical opinion is needed, we support the "time out" method as employed by referee Richard Steele in the Hagler-Hearns fight.

SIMPLY MARVELOUS

I AM THE HAPPIEST LADY IN the world. Marvelous Marvin Hagler showed the world what a true champion really is. Hagler is an animal in the ring and there isn't anyone out there who can beat him. When Hearns dropped to the canvas, I had the most wonderful feeling I've had in a long time. What a shock to see Tommy flat on his back. After the referee called "time out" because of Hagler's cuts, I knew it was all over for Hearns. There was no way Marvin was gonna let some stringbean steal his title.

MAXINE GRIMES
Flushing, New York

ROUND ONE

BY NIGEL COLLINS

THE HIGH PRICE OF SUCCESS

NOBODY WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO surprised if some sharpie or another had tried to make a quick buck by counterfeiting tickets for the Marvin Hagler-Thomas Hearns epic. "The Fight" sold out a month in advance, and scalpers did a brisk business. But it took us, not to mention promoter Russell Peltz, back a peg or two when it was discovered that somebody was manufacturing phoney ducats to the Blue Horizon. The Horizon, a venerable 1,500 seat hall in one of Philadelphia's less salubrious neighborhoods, has been the home of clubs fights since the early '60s. The admission price is only $10 for any seat in the house.

The Horizon has seen both feast and famine over the years, but even at the best of times it has hardly been a big money maker. Peltz, who began his career there, recently returned to his roots with a series of talent-building cards. And although attendance was better than expected, the gate receipts never seemed to match the size of the crowd. Thinking that perhaps fans were sneaking in, Peltz tightened security. It made little difference. The crowds continued to look suspiciously larger than the take. In the meantime, a group of enterprising fellows, stationed a block down the street were making a nice piece of change selling two $10 tickets for $15.

Peltz, his suspicions further aroused by the discovery of several bogus-looking ticket stubs, sent a friend to purchase a pair of the bargain tickets. Sure enough, they were forgeries. It proved to be a rather sophisticated scam involving production of imitation tickets and the changing of serial numbers. But what really made the sceme work was the fact that nobody could believe these con artists would go to so much trouble to cheat a nickel-and-dime operation. Needless to say, Peltz has come up with a new style (hopefully counterfeit-proof) ticket. Fight night at the Blue Horizon is still a bargain, but if you want to get past the doorman, don't buy your tickets from the dudes on the corner.

GUARD THEE WELL

A COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER beating Eddie Davis (TKO6) in an elimination bout, Marvin Johnson announced his plans to become a corrections officer at the Marion County (Indiana) jail.

"I see my boxing career coming to an end," said the former WBA and WBC light heavyweight champion. "You gotta start thinking about what to do."

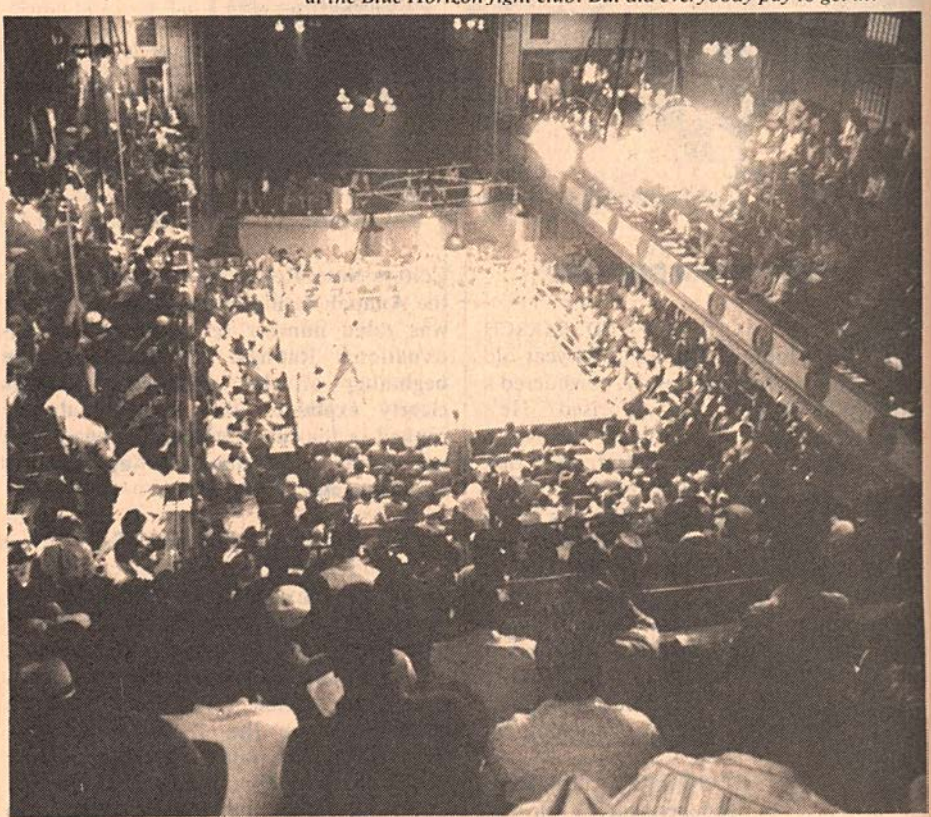
It doesn't exactly sound like Marvin is all that confident of beating Michael Spinks. But that's understandable. The last time they met in the ring, Spinks came away the winner with a devastating fourth round knockout. Since then, however, Johnson has been on a 12-bout winning streak, culminating with the Davis victory. But when you're looking at the world through swollen eyes, as Johnson was following his somewhat Pyrrhic victory over Davis, a $15,500-a-year regular job must look pretty good. Johnson hastened to add that his new employer would be flexible in its scheduling if Marvin gets his title shot in the near future. But one can't help but wonder if the prize ring won't seem rather attractive after a few months babysitting some of the hard-core cons at Marion.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT I

I'M SURE YOU ALL REMEMber the fuss about Livingstone Bramble snorting a little over-the-counter decongestant the day of his title defense against Ray Mancini. Well, the wallets of the WBA lightweight boss and his manager, Lou Duva, are considerably lighter following heavy fines from the Nevada State Athletic Commission. While the NSAC cleared the way for a Bramble-Tyrone Crawley match in Reno by not suspending Bramble, they socked it to him to the tune of $15,000, while Duva took it on the chin for $5,000. Ironically, Bramble injured his left hand a week later, putting the proposed match with number one contender Crawley on hold.

Crawley, who now faces another lengthy delay before getting his crack at the title, is naturally a tad suspicious.

There's not a bad seat at the Blue Horizon fight club. But did everybody pay to get in?



"It kind of hurt me when I first heard," said Tyrone in an interview published in the Philadelphia *Inquirer*. "The excuse he's using—I don't know if it's legitimate. Every time I see Bramble, he's hesitant. I always see something in his eyes when we are face to face. He don't want to fight me. I've got the style to beat him."

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT II

ALTHOUGH THEY ARE STILL under criminal indictment on suspicion of glove tampering in the infamous Billy Collins case, trainer Panama Lewis and fighter Luis Resto have had their licenses restored by a Manhattan (New York) appeals court. The Appellate Division of the state Supreme Court ruled that the New York Athletic Commission had proceeded improperly, and ordered a new hearing. The four-judge panel said the commission failed to set the nature of the hearing, leveling no specific charges, and provided no statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction for the hearing.

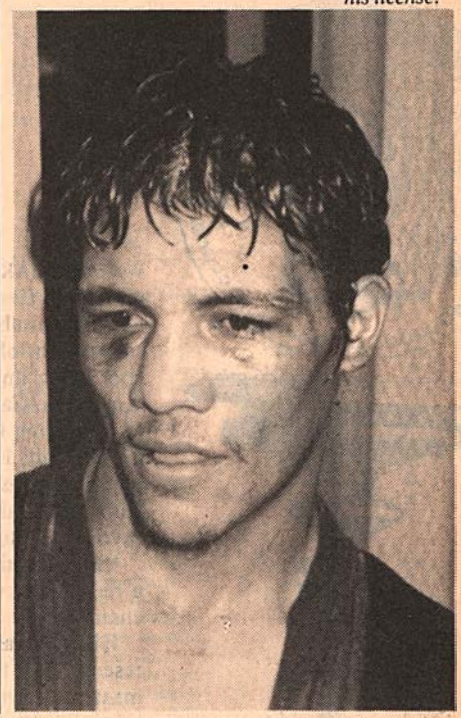
Although an open mind should be kept until all the facts are aired in open court, it has always been a puzzle how *anyone* could have removed padding from Resto's glove if the New York Athletic Commission's rules had been strictly enforced. Isn't there *supposed* to be an inspector in the locker room at all times when the fighters are putting on their gloves?

PUNCHLINES

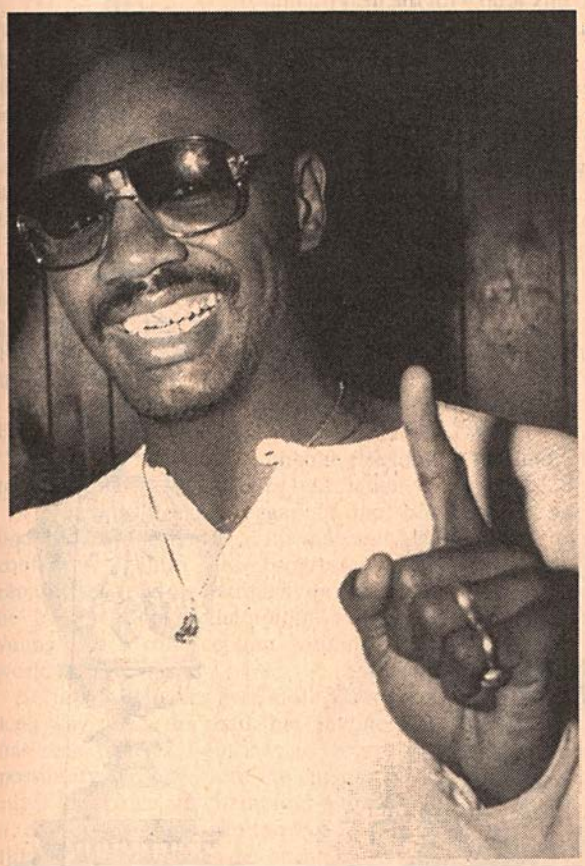
BASEBALL MANAGER AND FIGHT fan Sparky Anderson, explaining how Marvin Hagler would fit into the scheme of things if the "Marvelous One" played on his team: "He can play anywhere he wants. And if he's a pitcher, he can pitch as long as he wants. I'm not going out there to take him out of the game."

NEW WBA HEAVYWEIGHT KING TONY Tubbs, remembering his lean years as a street fighter, brawling for $50 winner-take-all purses: "I used to win most of the time. We'd fight in the parking lot of the church, Kroger's parking lot, anywhere there were lights. Sometimes the police would stop and referee the fight."

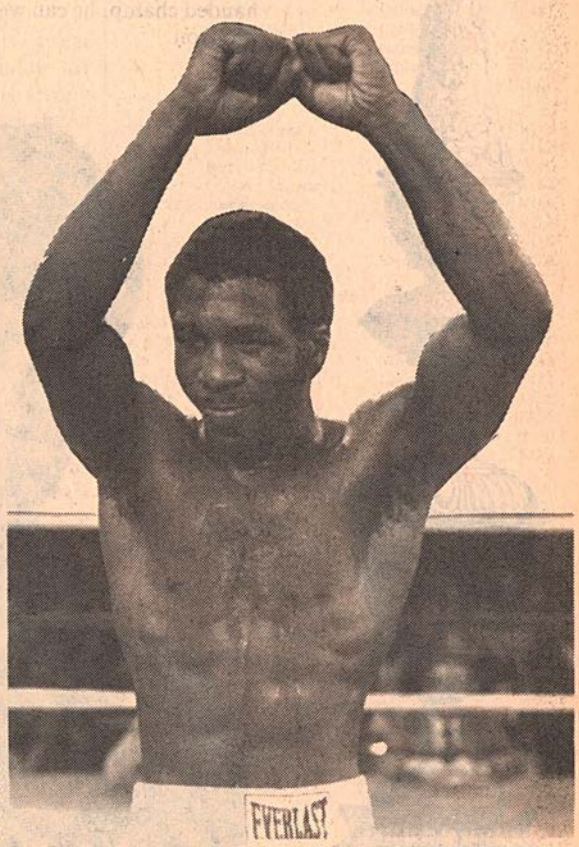
A REFORMED TYRELL BIGGS, EXplaining how he began taking drugs: "I experimented with the stuff and I liked it. It started as a recreational thing. I didn't do it while I was training. I did it later to celebrate. The fight would be over, I'd be ready to let loose and party. At first, I didn't see it as a big problem."



Luis Resto will once again have the opportunity to earn a living in the boxing ring now that New York appeals court has given him back his license.



Now that Marvelous Marvin Hagler is king of the boxing mountain, will the pitcher's mound be next?



Wonder if WBA lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble was still smirking when the Nevada State Athletic Commission fined him $15,000?

HAIL CESAR!

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ: MEXICO'S LATEST KNOCKOUT SENSATION

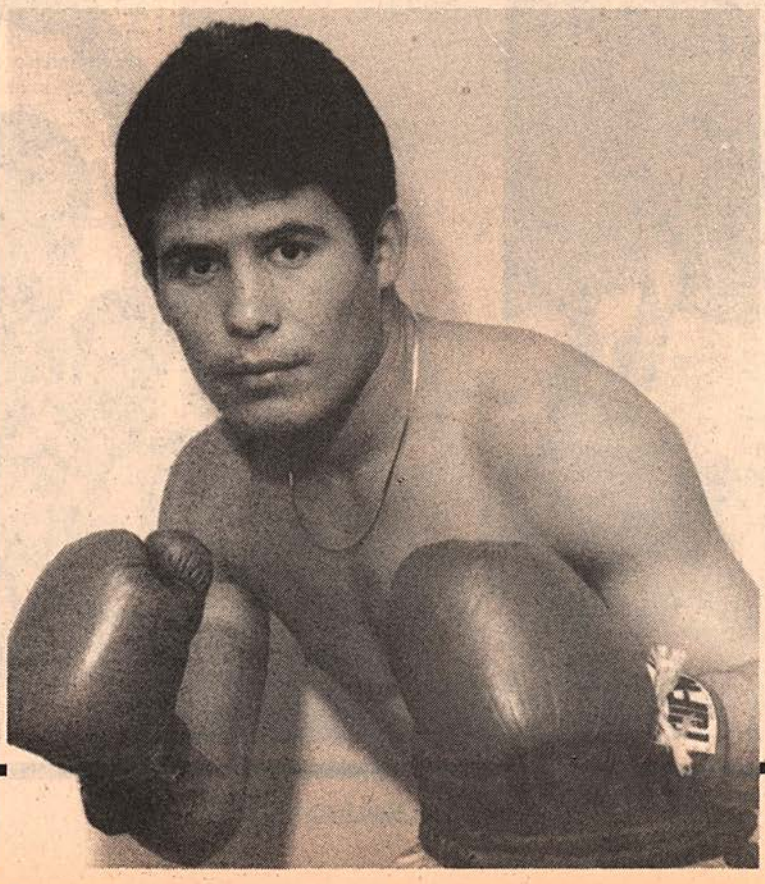
BY GUY P. GIOVANELLO

WHEN SPEAKING OF CURRENT WBC SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMpion Julio Cesar Chavez one goes back into the annals of the sweet science to find suitable comparisons. Chavez's ferocity and determination are reminiscent of a young Roberto Duran, and his confidence and ring-like cool bring immediately to mind the great middleweight champion from Argentina, Carlos Monzon.

According to many of Mexico's most respected boxing reporters, this 22-year-old, 130-pound fighting machine from Culiacan may be the finest pugilistic prospect to emerge from that warrior-rich nation since the great Ruben Olivares, who happens to be the young champion's all-time favorite fighter.

"I followed Ruben's career with great enthusiasm," admits Julio during a recent interview. "He was a great champion. I also want to be a great champion."

His sytematic two-fisted attack to the body and head bears uncanny resemblance to Olivares. He does not need much room to fight and is a master at creating diminishing spaces, forcing his opponents to put up—or shut up. If facing an elusive foe determined not to mix it up with the heavy handed champ, he can work off the lead left jab almost as well as the great Monzon.



The championship belt presented to Chavez by current WBC President Jose Sulaiman after he stopped the game Mario Martinez in nine back at the Olympics, holds great significance for him. He has sworn in public on more than one occasion, that his opponent would have to kill him before he would relinquish it.

True, many fighters have emitted such words, but few seem to say it with the conviction of Julio Cesar Chavez. In a sport often dominated by hype and hot air, it's quite refreshing to find someone who truly means what he says.

If the hungry challenger-like desire that dominates him is not enough to convince even the most foolhardy skeptic, add to it a knockout capability almost as formidable as the great bantamweight champion, Carlos Zarate. The further one looks at Julio Cesar Chavez, the more one sees.

Sporting an unblemished record of 44-0 with 40 knockouts, the average Chavez fight has lasted less than 4 rounds—a sobering statistic that all future challengers must face before even stepping into the ring.

Talk among the people in the know has begun to center on comparisons between Chavez and the late Salvador Sanchez, one of the most popular fighters in recent history.

The fourth born of 10 children raised by Rudolfo and Isabel Chavez, Julio and his brothers are all boxers. Rudolfo and Rafael, Julio's older brothers, first got him interested in boxing as a youngster in Culiacan. Julio's father, a railroad worker by trade, showed tremendous support when his sons revealed their decisions to become fighters.

Julio had his first amateur fight when he was 16 years old, and only had 15 fights before turning professional under the guidance of his manager and trainer, Ramon Felix, who also manages WBC lightweight champion Jose Luis Ramirez.

"Julio has been with me since he was a baby," says the highly respected Felix. "And it didn't take me or anyone else long to realize that he was born to be a fighter."

The young dynamo began to blossom under the wise tutelage of his manager and confidant. "Julio has progressed very rapidly, making me extremely proud when he became world champion. He's still young and I can see him winning three world titles."

So much for talk. Two more titles are a long way down the road, but anyone who has seen Chavez fight has to accept the possibility. So how does the current WBC super featherweight champion, a man with a total of three fights in the U.S., come to find a place alongside such illustrious company as Olivares, Zarate, and Sanchez? The answer is through hard grueling work and an intuitive feel for the sport that can only be described as frightening.

Style-wise, Chavez does it all in the ring. Not just a smart boxer, Julio counters as well as any fighter in recent memory. He can punish you with rapier-like left jabs, make you wish you missed the weigh-in with thunderous straight rights, or kiss you good night with one of his short devastating hooks.

All one has to do is visit Chavez's training camp to realize there is not a more serious minded young man in boxing. After ten miles of daily roadwork, breakfast and a short nap, the champ spars seven five minute rounds with only a minute's rest. Twenty minutes of intense no-flash rope jumping are followed by a shadow boxing routine where even the most untrained eye can bear witness to a dazzling repertoire of three, four and sometimes five punch combinations. As one watches the punches unfold against his imaginary opponent, you cannot help but feel sorry for the man unlucky enough to be on the receiving end of the blows come fight time.

Beside all his God-given abilities, the single most impressive thing about this great young fighter has to be the pleasant level headed way he plies his trade. There is no showboating, no histrionics—just good old fashioned hard work.

As the champion removes his sweat soaked shirt to wring out a puddle of sweat, one can only marvel at his strong upper torso, chiseled to perfection by a demanding daily regimen. Everything about him reeks of discipline. Even his soft lilting voice and child-like laugh advise one to the fact that this most self assured kayo artist enjoys very much what he does for a living.

After a shower and a snack Chavez returned to the training area he had evacuated at the end of his workout and seated himself close to the ring to observe WBC world featherweight champion Azumah Nelson. With this arms folded, he studied the proud Ghanan, who was preparing himself to take on Chavez's fellow countryman, the no less fierce Marcos Villasana.

His critical far-reaching eyes never left the African for a second. When asked on his way out of the room what he thought of the champ from Ghana, who had recently shocked the Latin world by annihilating Wilfredo Gomez, he responded in a way that signified respect and intelligence.

"He is a terrific fighter, in tremendous condition. I look forward to the day he moves up in weight to challenge me. It will be a great fight."

However, Chavez has already given notice to the boxing world that he has his sights set on flashy Hector Camacho. The way he sees it, if he were to beat Camacho, a worldwide boxing celebrity, then everyone would know his name. If he keeps fighting the way he has of late, the world will have no choice but to hail this latest Cesar. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ

Culiacan, Mexico, junior lightweight
Born: July 12, 1962
Manager-trainer: Ramon Felix

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1980		
Feb. 5	Andres Felix	Culiacan	KO 6
Mar. 3	Fidenao Cebreros	Culiacan	W 6
Mar. 20	Roberto Garcia	Guaymas, Sonora	KO 6
Apr. 8	Ramon Flores	Navogoa, Sonora	KO 3
July 18	Tito Gerardo	Guamuchil	W 6
Sept. 15	Jesus Martinez	Culiacan	KO 1
Oct. 13	Andres Felix	Culiacan	KO 2
Nov. 26	Roberto Flores	Culiacan	KO 3
Dec. 26	Miguel Ruiz	Cliacan Sin	KO 1
	1981		
Feb. 2	Eddy Acosta	Culiacan	KO 2
Mar. 2	Victor Gamez	Culiacan	KO 1
Mar. 12	Jesus Lara	Culiacan	KO 2
Mar. 25	Feidel Navarro	Culiacan	KO 1
Apr. 17	Bobby Dominguiz	Culiacan	KO 2
June 3	Julian Gaxiola	Tijuana	KO 4
July 7	Daniel Martinez	Tijuana	KO 1
July 28	Daniel Felizardo	Tijuana	KO 3
Aug. 22	Sonny Boy Ramirez	Culiacan	KO 2
Sept. 12	Jose Medina	Tijuana	KO 6
Oct. 24	Manuel Vasquez	Culiacan	KO 7
Nov. 27	Ramon Luque	Culiacan	KO 1
Dec. 5	Jesus Garcia	Guamuchhil	KO 2
Dec. 18	Indio Peraza	Tijuana	KO 2
	1982		
Feb. 25	Otoniel Lopez	Ensenada	KO 4
Apr. 4	Ernesto Herrara	Tijuana	KO 2
Apr. 26	Benny Abarca	Tijuana	W 10
July 19	Gustavo Salgado	Tijuana	KO 2
Sept. 28	Jose Resendes	Tijuana	KO 6
Oct. 19	Juan Albarado	Tijuana	KO 3
Nov. 23	Jerry Lewis	Tijuana	KO 5
Dec. 1	Jerry Lewis	Sacramento	KO 6
	1983		
Feb. 14	Carlos Brain	Tijuana	KO 2
Apr. 4	Johnny Jensen	Tijuana	KO 3
Mar. 1	Javier Fragoso	San Juan, P.R.	KO 4
June 15	Romeo Sandoval	Los Angeles	KO 3
July 16	Benny Abarca	Culiacan	KO 5
Aug. 12	Santos Rodriguez	Culiacan	KO 6
Sept. 1	Adrian Arreola	Los Angeles	W 10
Dec. 30	Armando Flores	Mazatlan	KO 3
	1984		
Mar. 4	Ramon Abitia	Culiacan	KO 7
July 13	Delfino Mendoza	Hermosillo	KO 3
Sept. 31	Mario Martinez	Los Angeles	KO 8
	(Won WBC super featherweight title)		
	1985		
Jan. 1	Manny Hernandez	Mexico City	KO 3
Apr. 20	Ruben Castillio	Inglewood	KO 6
	(Retained WBC title)		

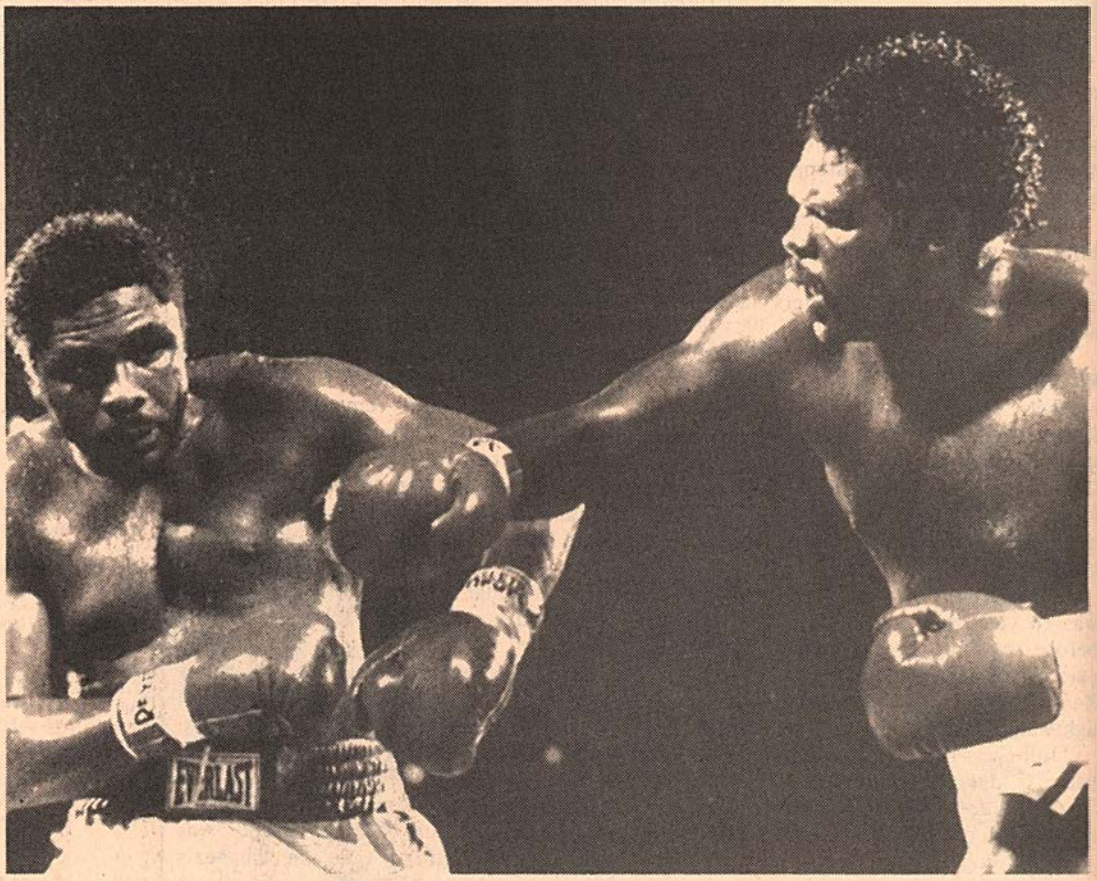
SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
44	44	0	0	40

TUBBS' TURN

"TNT" TUBBS UPSETS PAGE FOR WBA TITLE AS HEAVYWEIGHT MERRY-GO-ROUND CONTINUES TO SPIN

BY J. R. JOWETT



Tony 'TNT' Tubbs (right) bounces a stiff right off Greg Page's head on his way to the WBA heavyweight title.

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BUFFALO, N.Y.—EVERY YEAR ABOUT this time, it seems, the boxing crowd shuffles off to Buffalo. The rest of the year, the city lies dormant, even to club shows, but when it wakes up, it does so in a big way. Last season, Bob Arum and Dan Duva teamed up to electrify the boxing world with the Bramble-Mancini and Hatcher-Bumphus upsets. This time, it was Don King who rolled into town, trying to best his arch rivals with an extravaganza that featured so many names, it looked like a boxing social register. But while the card was entertaining, the quality certainly didn't match the quantity. In fact, the promotional rivalry proved more interesting than did the dull main event, in which Tony Tubbs snatched the WBA heavyweight championship from the weak grip of Greg Page by a unanimous 15-round decision.

With typical penchant for the imaginative, King christened his show the "Vindication Blockbuster," and recruited the local Chamber Of Commerce to bankroll the affair. The object was to attract attention to a resurgent local economy, provide blockbuster gate receipts and ring action, and hopefully vindicate the promoter in the eyes of his recent tormentors, the most notable of which is the I.R.S.

Overall, the evening turned out a modest success, but hardly matching Don's flair for hyperbole. The inns were full, the fights were interesting, but hardly soul-stirring,

and the C of C may have broken even. What effect this will all have on the I.R.S. remains to be seen.

King's own cable network, DKSEN, teamed with LBS Sports to deliver the show to "syndication," meaning any interested outlet, cable or "free," could purchase the event independently. While the term "syndication" sometimes carries a second-hand connotation, Don interpreted it as a coup: the first heavyweight championship to be so aired.

Though the Buffalo area was blacked out, ticket sales were slow, and backers became uneasy. After a newspaper cartoonist portrayed King slipping out of town with an armload of greenbacks, the promoter was whisked away from lively pre-fight festivities the evening before the card to appear on a TV sports talk show. He gave such an impassioned plea that the citizenry must have felt like traitors if they didn't turn out to support their community. Nevertheless, the walk-up only boosted attendance from 6,000 to about 7,500—around the break-even point, and only half the previous years' gate.

Whereas Arum had had Marvin Hagler as resident fistic notable, King brought in Muhammad Ali. Bob hadn't needed Marvin, but Ali proved more entertaining than much of the Page-Tubbs tango. As a last-minute inducement, Don also flew in an eclectic mix of lesser-light stars, making the ringside at Memorial Auditorium resemble a poor-man's Vegas.

Tubbs entered the ring looking like a champion already. That is, he had the now-requisite contingent of hangers-on loudly vocalizing his praises. A doleful-looking commission inspector, the towering ex-Knick star Tom Hoover, simply pointed to the exit, and the entourage dutifully retreated.

Neither fighter was exactly svelte, Louisville's Page pudgy at 239½, and Cincinnati's Tubbs a tad tubby himself at 229. Yet they opened briskly, and for awhile, it looked to be a good one.

Greg was bouncing and firing combos in the first when Tubbs gave the champion a taste of the medicine that would ultimately cost him his crown. Leaning back to make Page reach with the jab, the challenger waited for him to drop it on the pull-back, then recoil with a straight right counter. The same tactic worked again for Tubbs in the second.

Then in the third, both jived with hands down, as if challenging the other to show what he had. The answer was evidently, "not much," as the action slowed afterward, and the crowd was already booing by the fourth.

Tubbs had good rounds in the seventh and eighth, jolting the champion a couple of times, and causing Page to throw his hands in mock defiance. But the challenger was hoarding his punches like he couldn't afford to spend them, and the restive crowd, dreaming of happier times, began to chant "Ali, Ali." The two were certainly boxing skilfully, and the bout was an intricate chess match of setups and counters. But it lacked something . . . namely, excitement. Perhaps the contestants were too familiar from their amateur meetings.

Greg did sting Tubbs with a right in the tenth, sending him into the ropes, but then hesitated, was stopped by a counter, and the fight soon reverted back to a waltz. The crowd continued booing, and was frequently diverted by Ali at ringside. At one point, Muhammad led the cheer, then made a mock gesture of silence, feigning not wishing to embarrass he combatants.

The bout finally wound down with no big finish. There hadn't been much actual mauling, just a lot of walking around. Referee Vinnie Rainone hadn't needed to pry them apart all that much. When Tubbs did go inside in the twelfth, it seemed to bother Greg, but the challenger soon abandoned this tactic. Tony had a good fourteenth, firing an up-from-the-hip jab that made one wonder where it had been all night. But the fifteenth fizzled in boos.

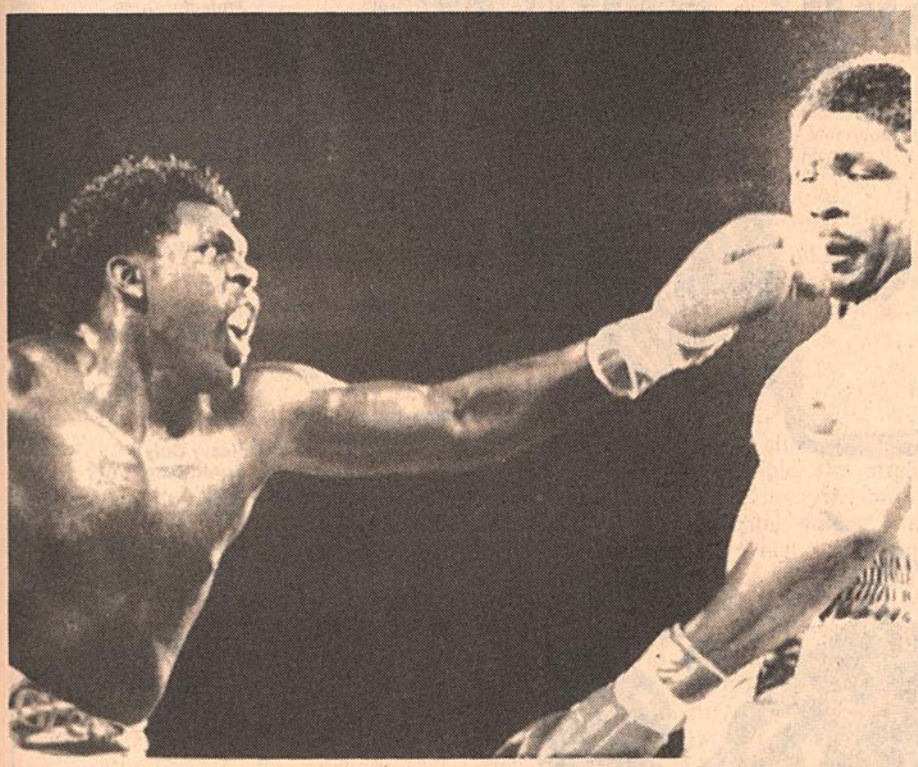
The decision was surprisingly wide for the challenger, defying the "unwritten law" that the champion has to be beaten soundly. Joe Santarpia scored 145-140, Albert Tremari 145-142, and Al Wilensky 147-140.

The new champions' victory was as understated as his career has been obscure. After laboring in Page's shadow as an amateur, his early pro career had collapsed with the MAPS scandal. Following years with little activity, he "qualified" for the title shot, principally by signing with King. But he made the most of it.

The ex-champ just seems to have reverted to his old self. He must need a "cause" to bring out his real ability—like fighting apartheid. Otherwise, he's too much peace and love. Greg accepted the loss graciously, but did blame the rifling of his hotel room for breaking his concentration. He gave the impression that he felt he'd been conspired against.

Tubbs' demeanor was as subdued out of the ring as in. He even admitted he felt the fight was closer than the scoring! Asked if he wasn't taking a chance cutting the rounds so close, he replied, "The champ has got to fight, too. He was just dancing. I'm not the judge. I'm just a fighter."

On the way out, a fan opined simply, "Disappointing." His friend agreed, "Yeah, the fights were better last year." But King finally bested Arum at that which Don excels: the post-fight party. Leering over a heaping plateful, a trainer commented, "I was out at Hagler-Hearns, and all they had were little meatballs and some sweets!" □



Tubbs (left) leaves himself wide open for a counter as he lunges at Page in an attempt to land a left jab.

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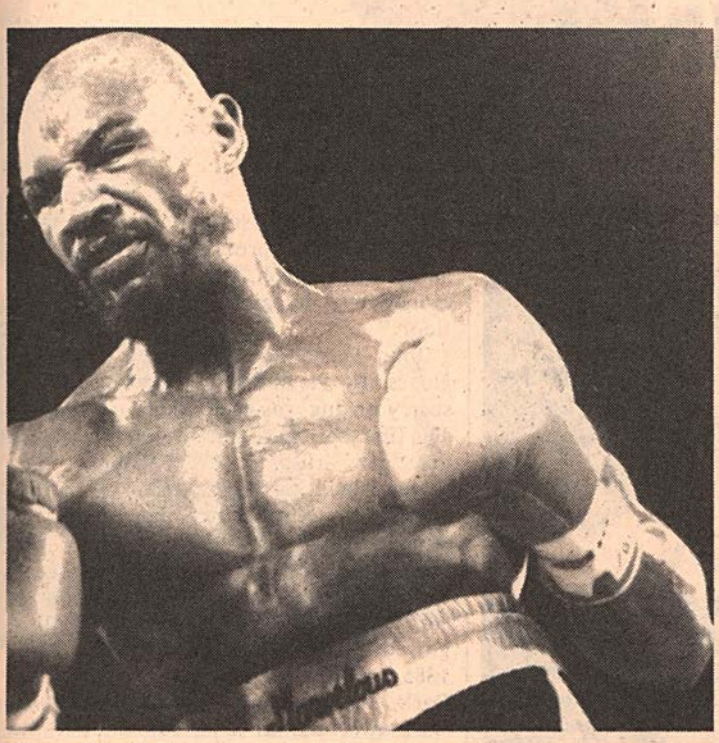
Each month, in an effort to stimulate creative debate, *RING* Magazine will ask a cross section of boxing people a provocative question. We will publish their thoughts, giving you a wide range of views, half-views and even a few half-baked views.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Where do you think Marvelous Marvin Hagler ranks among the great middleweights of the past?



Following his savage victory over Thomas Hearns, Marvelous Marvin Hagler takes his place among the all-time great middleweights.

PHIL PEPE *(New York Daily News columnist):*

First, of course, is Sugar Ray Robinson, who is so far ahead of the rest there is no second. But there are a lot of candidates for third—(Jake) LaMotta, (Tony) Zale, (Marcel) Cerdan, (Carmen) Basilio, (Gene) Fullmer, and (Carlos) Monzon. Marvelous Marvin Hagler belongs right up there with them, among the greatest middleweights of all time.

JOHN SCHULIAN *(Philadelphia Daily News columnist):*

There can be no denying that Hagler, at age 30, after 65 fights, deserves to be ranked with the greatest middleweights in history. He belongs in the category right behind Sugar Ray Robinson, who was simply incomparable—the category that includes Tony Zale, Dick Tiger, Emile Griffith and Jake LaMotta. After fighting his way through his own blood to get to Hearns, he can never be denied the pleasure of such company by anybody or anything.

FLOYD PATTERSON *Former heavyweight champion of the world):*

No champion is great in all areas. Take the heavyweights for example. I'm often asked who was the greatest heavyweight of all time. For sheer punching power, Joe Louis was the greatest. When it came to footwork, moving for 15 rounds, none can compare to Cassius Clay. As for hand-speed, I'd have to give that to myself. But when it comes to determination, nobody tops Rocky Marciano. It's the same thing with the middleweights. Hagler is a great puncher, but I've always felt he was the *most* determined middleweight I've ever seen. This puts him pretty high on the all-time list in my book.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN *(Boxing historian and managing editor of The Ring):*

He's definitely up there. I would place Hagler third—behind Sugar Ray Robinson and Harry Greb, but ahead of Marcel Cerdan, Carlos Monzon, Mickey Walker, and Jake LaMotta.

JIM JACOBS *(Manager and fight film collector):*

I've always made it a rule not to rate a fighter until after he retires. I remember *Esquire* ran a piece shortly after Sonny Liston beat Floyd Patterson the second time, ranking Liston second among all-time heavyweights. After that, Sonny's career went downhill and he lost to Muhammad Ali (twice) and Leotis Martin. At this point, Hagler's career could go two ways. He could keep winning, or a guy like John Mugabi might knock him out.

JACK WELSH *(Contributing editor to The Ring):*

In my mind, Sugar Ray Leonard has to be happy to be retired. The Hagler who destroyed Hearns would be a real test for all of the greats from the past, including Sugar Ray Robinson, Carlos Monzon, Tony Zale, Marcel Cerdan, and Harry Greb. Against Hearns, Hagler was purely awesome, the ultimate fist fighter. Marvin should be the role-model for today's young boxers.

HARRY MULLEN *(Editor of British Boxing News):*

Hagler belongs with the best of all time. Even the legendary Sugar Ray Robinson, who was seated directly behind me in Las Vegas, nodded approval at the end of Marvin's victory over Hearns. It was a small but significant cameo, almost as if Ray was welcoming him to the club. There are very few fighters in history who merit mention in the same breath as Robinson. But Marvelous Marvin Hagler is now unquestionably one of them.

SOLID GOLD MAN

THE GREAT JOHN L.

by Herbert G. Goldman

BARREL-CHESTED WITH A HANDLEBAR mustache, John L. Sullivan is probably the most easily recognizable figure in the annals of pugilism. Decades after his last serious contest in 1892, John L. was revered as a great fighter, and some people even thought he was a great American—along with Theodore Roosevelt and Buffalo Bill.

Many fans still think John L. Sullivan was the first world heavyweight champion. In fact, John L. was the last in a list of more than forty bare knuckle champions going back to James Figg in 1719. All his predecessors were born in Britain or Ireland. "Sully" was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, on October 15, 1858.

John L. started fighting around 1877, and was probably the best bare knuckle fighter in the country within two years' time. He challenged world champion Paddy Ryan in 1880, and was told to "get a reputation." Sullivan certainly got that when he beat New York tough John Flood in eight rounds on May 16, 1881. The stage was set for a title fight with Ryan.

Paddy Ryan, a native of County Tipperary in Ireland, was more of a wrestler than a boxer, having won the title by outlasting 41-year-old Joe Gass over eighty-seven rounds on May 30, 1880. John L. destroyed Paddy in nine rounds when they finally met on February 7, 1882.

Sullivan is a very important figure in the history of pugilism. A colorful fighter with a hard right, he was also a hard drinker. More importantly, he made boxing a popular sport with a huge following in America.

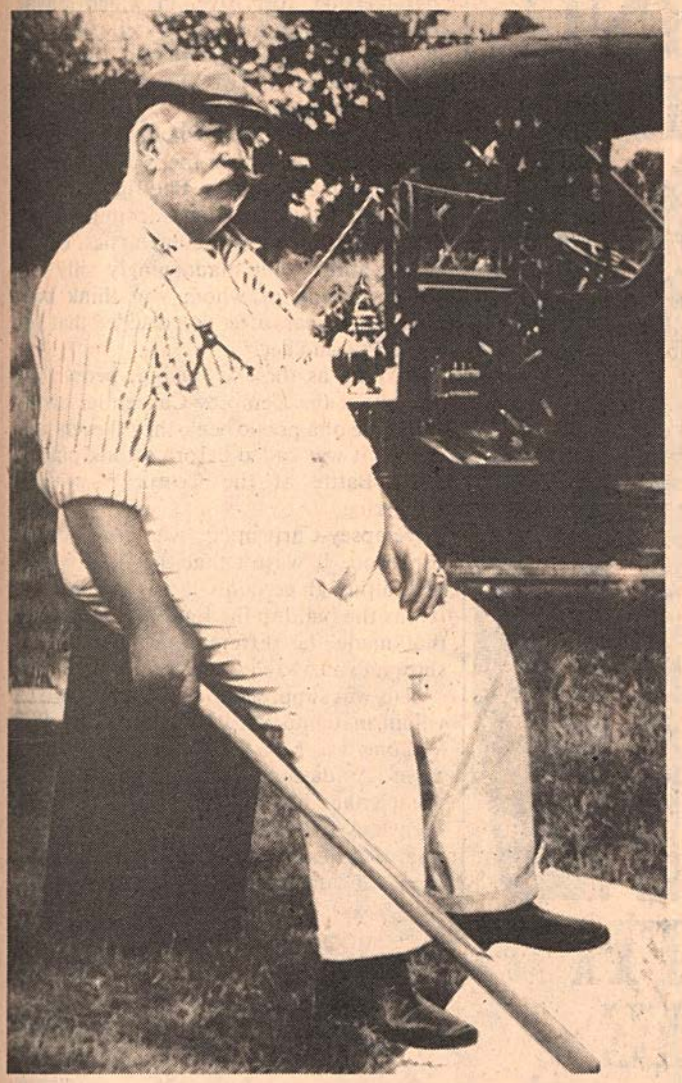
Sully toured the country during the 1883-84 season, meeting "all comers" en tour and offering from fifty to one hundred dollars to anyone lasting four rounds. Only Tug Collins, a professional whose real name was Joseph Wilson, collected the money by "hugging and falling to the floor."

John L. Sullivan as he looked around the time of his fight with Jake Kilrain.

John L. conducted these affairs with gloves. By the end of the season, Queensberry boxing was established in America. The first world's championship bout under the "new" rules was held in Great Kill, Staten Island, on July 30, 1884, Jack (The Nonpareil) Dempsey winning the vacant middleweight crown by knocking out George Fulljames in 22 rounds.

Sullivan continued fighting exhibitions, stopping Ryan in the first round of a gloved fight in New York on January 19, 1885. On August 29 of that year, in Chester Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, John L. won what was advertised as a six-round bout "to decide the Marquess of Queensberry gloves contest for the championship of the world." Sully's opponent was Dominick McCaffrey, a noted pro who gave him a tough time. After the last round, referee Billy Tait jumped out of the ring without announcing a winner. Tait went to Toledo, Ohio, where, forty-eight hours later, someone reminded him that he had forgotten to make a decision. To which question, Tait replied: "Sullivan won."

Sully defended his bare knuckle title twice, fighting a 39-round draw with Charley Mitchell on Baron Rothchild's estate in Chantilly, France, on March 10, 1888, and beating Jake Kilrain in 75 rounds in Richburg, Mississippi, on July 8, 1889. Mitchell weighed only 166 pounds to Sullivan's 200, but the "draw" should not be taken too seriously. Under bare knuckle rules, a round ended when a knockdown had been scored. A fighter then had 30



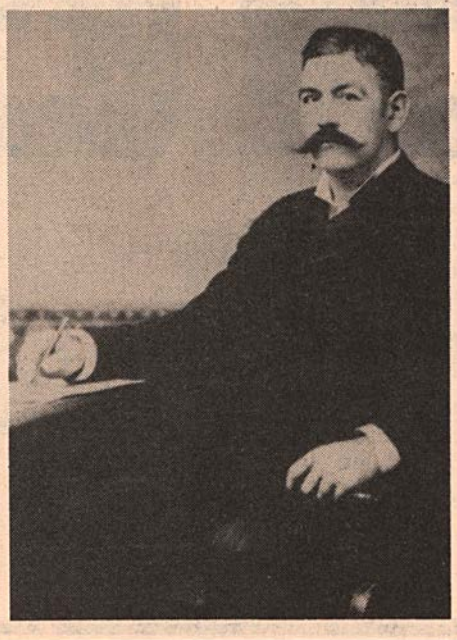
A long-retired John L. at Ross Farm near Boston, 1917.

A young Sullivan. Although John L. is often photographed with a handlebar mustache, he always shaved it off before appearing in the ring.

seconds to "come up to scratch" (a line drawn in the center of the turf by the referee's toe) for the start of the next session. Fights were to a finish, and any battle stopped by darkness or the mutual consent of both men's parties was declared a draw. Sullivan had far the better of that fight with Mitchell.

The major blot on Sully's reputation is his absolute refusal to fight the famed "Black Prince," Peter Jackson. Born in the West Indies on July 3, 1861, Jackson started fighting in Australia in 1883. Arriving in San Francisco in 1888, he made his reputation by defeating George Godfrey, Joe McAuliffe, and Patsy Cardiff. A two-round knockout over Peter Maher in Dublin on December 25, 1889 made him the logical contender for Sullivan's world heavyweight title.

John L., however, drew the "color line," absolutely refusing to meet Jackson in the ring. Sullivan's attitude is strange. In September, 1881, he had been matched to fight Godfrey (known as "Old Chocolate") to a finish. According to old record books, "the men were stripped at Professor Bailey's rooms, when Sullivan announced that he would not fight."



Jackson wanted to meet Sully in a gloved fight, and there is no doubt as to who would have won. By 1890, Sully was a dissipated fighter, whiskey having robbed him of his great judgment of distance. Though refusing to meet Jackson in a public bout, John L. said that he was more than willing to meet him in private. ("I'll fight any man in private," he maintained.)

Fighters of those days had to put up guarantees, or "stakes," before important matches. Jimmy Wakely, one of Sullivan's backers, was behind the champ's decision not to defend against Jackson. Wakely admitted this to writer Damon Runyon in his later years.

Sullivan lost the Queensberry heavyweight title to James J. Corbett in New Orleans on September 7, 1892, but remained the bare knuckle champ until his death in Abingdon, Mass., on February 2, 1918. Many boxing historians maintain that he was not the world champion because of his refusal to fight Jackson, and that Sully won only the American title by beating Paddy Ryan.

The first argument does not hold water. If Sullivan's failure to meet Jackson disqualified his listing as a world champ, then other world champions—of the gloved era—will have to be stripped of their titles retroactively. The position that John L. won only the American crown when he beat Ryan, however, bears some looking into.

Jem Mace, the undisputed world title holder, retired after fighting a draw with Joe Coburn on November 30, 1871. Coburn also retired, leaving Tom Allen, Mike McCoole, and Joe Goss as the outstanding contenders for the vacant throne. Allen claimed the title after beating McCoole on September 23, 1873. Goss then defeated Allen on a foul on September 7, 1876.

Goss was undeniably the world champ at that time. He lost the crown to Ryan, who in turn lost it to Sullivan. Some claim that Sully did not win the world title until he beat Kilrain, since the latter had drawn with the British champ, Jem Smith. Jem, however, had no claim on the world crown. Others maintain Charley Mitchell won the world championship when he beat the 58-year-old Mace on February 7, 1890. Mace, however, had relinquished his world title 18 years before that fight.

John L. Sullivan, "Champion of Champions." Not always in the right, but certainly world's champ. □

TAKING THE BAD WITH THE GOOD

by
Joseph D'O'Brian

I LOOKED FORWARD TO THE HAGLER-Hearns battle as much as the next guy. After all, it was a natural. I didn't hear so much as one person say that it wasn't going to be a hell of a fight. While I was hoping for a great fight, though, I wasn't counting on one. Expecting too many great fights is the besetting sin of the boxing fan, and after many years of disappointments, I have finally got wise to that.

Bad fights happen a lot, and they seem to happen most often when the general public is expecting a war about as exciting as the Montgomery-Rommel match back in '42. Cast your mind back. How many fights can you think of that everybody said were going to be thrillers, and ended up stinking the joint out? Dozens, right?

Ali-Liston II. Holmes-Cooney. Leonard-Duran II. Or go back a little further, and think of Louis-Conn II, or Dempsey-Carpentier. This is not a new thing, after all. No doubt the acient Greek promoters put on some real dog shows now and then too.

When something like that happens, when two supermen are matched up and end up putting on a show that is about as entertaining as a Donny Osmond concert, the fans have a rather unreasonable habit of complaining about it. One of the fighters took a dive, they'll say. Both of them just took the money and ran. Neither of them can fight anyway. That idiot promoter should have known better. These and other variations on "We got screwed."

Unreasonable, I say, because it seems to be only the boxing fans who complain like this. Look at the football fans: Year in, year out, the Super Bowl is the dullest thing on TV. A horrible game, every time. You would think that after so many of these miserable excuses for football games, the average fan would have twigged to the situation and long ago have stopped paying any attention. But noooo! And they say boxing fans are dumb, for crying out loud!

I also think it's a bit unreasonable for us to complain, since if there's anything a boxing fan loves to do in general, it's bitch. Now, how would we feel if every fight we saw were a heart-stopper? We'd never get to complain at all, and I fear that boxing would lose some of its charm by consequence.

Oh, I'm not saying we shouldn't complain at all if a fight we've spent three months looking forward to lasts thirty seconds, or if it drags out to fifteen rounds that feel like forty-five, in which maybe four punches get thrown. By all means, we should bitch and scream and fume and rage—for a day or two. Then forget about it until you enjoy it.

Yes, eventually you will enjoy most bad fights. Long years after the fact, to be sure, but you will enjoy them. Bad fights are like horrible low-budget movies from the 1940s that eventually become cult classics, or like that beautiful but maddeningly silly and stupid woman of whom you think back fondly, ten years after you decided that you couldn't stand her.

As long as there is boxing, people will talk about the Dempsey-Carpentier battle. If they're of a poetic bent, they'll even refer to it as it was called before it took place—"The Battle of the Century"—without sniggering.

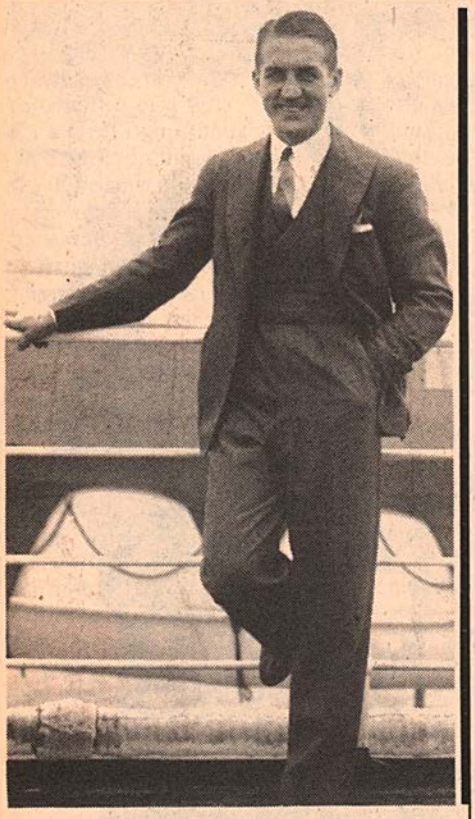
Dempsey-Carpentier was the classic stinkeroo. It wasn't that the fight was so bad, although certainly it was bad enough. It was the buildup the fight had been given that made the difference between a bad show and an awful show.

This was supposed to be a classic hero vs. villain matchup, on the order of Sylvester Stallone vs. Mr. T. Carpentier was the hero: A dashing, incredibly handsome Frenchman, he was a former Ace in the French Air Force, holder of every boxing title, practically, in Europe, and had that kind of understated machismo that's adored by men and women alike.

Dempsey was the villain. Although he was a very popular fighter both before and after the Carpentier fight, his charisma was just not equal to Carp's. He was a crude country boy while Gorgeous Georges was the epitome of the debonair continental. Dempsey was plain-looking, with a rather sinister face. Worst of all, there were rumors that he'd dodged the draft back in World War One. So there it was, claimed promoter Tex Rickard: good versus evil in microcosm.

The tickets sold. And sold. Oh, what a battle this would be! Everybody knew how

Jack Dempsey (hat in hand) promised promoter Tex Rickard (with the cane) that he would carry Carpentier a few rounds so that the fans would get their money's worth.



A dapper looking George Carpentier several years after his ill-fated match with Jack Dempsey. Despite the fact that they drew boxing's first million dollar gate, Dempsey's fourth round kayo over George was a complete mismatch.

great Dempsey was, and there were plenty of stories about Carpentier's talents, although nobody had ever seen him fight in the States. Not only that, but Carp was said to be developing a "secret punch" in his closed-door training sessions, a punch not even Dempsey would be able to withstand. The tickets kept selling.

Rickard, of course, knew the real score. So did Dempsey. So, for that matter, did Carpentier. They all knew that Georges was nothing but an overstuffed middleweight, and that he had never fought anybody even close to Dempsey in strength, speed and power. But nobody let on that they knew.

And the tickets kept selling. The live gate ended up at nearly $1.75 million, the first million-dollar gate ever. Men who should have known better paid scalpers' rates to sit on unvarnished pine benches, which leaked resin onto their clothes.

Before Dempsey left the dressing room that afternoon, Rickard pleaded with him: "I've got the top men in the world out there, Jack! Please don't get them mad! Don't knock him out in the first round!"

According to the story, Dempsey grumbled a bit, but he made the promise. He bullied Georges around the ring in the first round, but kept him upright. In the second round, Carpentier threw his vaunted "secret punch." It turned out to be a short right hand that might have damaged a middleweight, but only made Dempsey take a couple steps back and blink a little.

That took care of that. Dempsey turned Carp into hamburger (or *biftec hache*) in the third round, and put him out of his misery in the fourth. The fight had been vaguely competitive for maybe ten seconds out of the ten minutes it lasted.

Although practically nobody is alive today who remembers it, people still talk about the Jack Johnson-Jim Jeffries fight with a kind of reverence. This was another of those "good vs. evil" matches, in this case because Johnson was an uppity black man and Jeffries was the beloved old champ who was supposed to dethrone the usurper.

Nobody expected a real war this time. The average fan figured that Jeffries, even after five years of retirement, still had his awesome punch and his surprising speed. Johnson was supposed to be a coward, besides. So the smart money had Jeff winning by an early knockout, in his best dramatic, devastating style, and being borne high on the shoulders of his adoring white fans. Not a great fight, they figured, but a memorable one.

Films of that fight are shown periodically on TV, so the next time it's shown, you can see for yourself what a bore it was. Johnson carried the old, slow Jeff for fourteen stupefyingly dull rounds, then put him away with one concentrated attack in the 15th. A miserable fight.

So why are these two lousy fights counted as two of boxing's most memorable moments?

I'll tell you why. It's because no matter how much of a complainer the boxing fan is, he appreciates the entirety of the art. He's not like the theatre fan who goes to see a play and, if he doesn't enjoy it, forgets about it. The fight fan takes everything into account: the buildup, the anticipation, what he eats before the fight, who he ends up sitting next to, what stupid mistakes the referee made, the smark remarks from the audience—everything. And even if the fight itself turned out to be a bomb, the fan can enjoy the whole experience and tell his grandchildren about it without boring them.

You can do this even if the fight in question lasts only a few seconds. Is there anyone who remembers it who can't go on and on about the Ali-Sonny Liston rematch back in 1965?

I hardly remember the fight at all: Since it was only a minute long, there wasn't much to remember. But I remember crowding around the radio with my Dad and my brother, and my Dad explaining to me (I was only eight years old) why the Black Muslims were dangerous. I remember Robert Goulet forgetting the words to the national anthem. I remember the confused look on my Dad's face as the radio announcer tried to tell us what the hell had happened.

Joe Louis (right) and Billy Conn compare fists prior to their second meeting in 1946. Although their first encounter had been a classic, the rematch proved a dud.

PHOTOS: THE RING ARCHIVES

Trainer Sam Solomon restrains Ernie Terrell as part of the pre-fight hype for his match with Muhammad Ali. However, the much-anticipated fireworks never materialized and Ali won an easy decision.

I even remember the cartoon on the front page of the Des Moines *Register* the next morning, showing a fan sitting in his ringside seat, weeping with frustration.

Great fights are wonderful things to see, no question. But you have to keep in mind that any fight can be enjoyed, one way or another, as long as you maintain your love of the sport.

Every so often, you actually enjoy a fight *because* it's a bad fight. This happens when your desire to see a good fight is outweighed by a fear of what could happen if the fight got *too* good.

The best example I can come up with here is the bout between Muhammad Ali and Ernie Terrell in 1967. Now this was one that the "knowing coves" agreed would be a good one. There was also a very vocal minority which believed that Terrell was the guy who was going to shut Ali's lip at last.

Well, at the time, I didn't know how great Ali was. But I was a fan. I ate, slept and breathed Muhammad Ali. And since I was such a dedicated fan, I tended to pessimism whenever my idol fought. I half-believed the experts who said Ali couldn't handle a tall opponent with a good jab. My schoolmates, Ali-haters all, did a good job of throwing a scare into me with their predictions of what Terrell would do. And the situation wasn't helped by an ad in the local paper announcing that "KCBC radio (1390 on your AM dial) will carry the Clay [sic]-Terrell fight blow-by-blow, in the hopes that its listeners will hear Mr. Clay get kayoed!"

By the time the opening bell sounded over the radio, I was in a state of fear such as I have never experienced before or since. I was literally shaking. Terrell seemed to be doing pretty well at first, and my fear mounted to nearly unbearable heights.

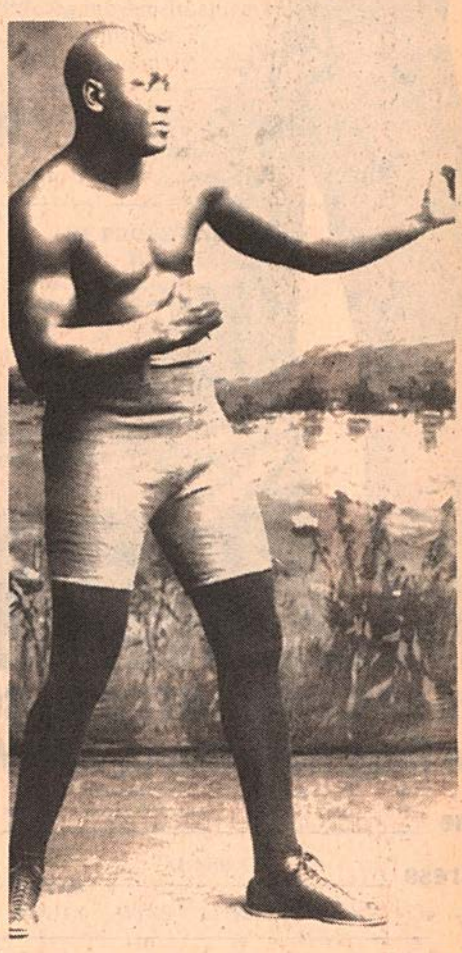
By about the third round, Ali began hitting his stride. By the sixth or seventh, it seemed like there wasn't much to worry about. By the ninth, it was no longer a contest. Ali carried Terrell over the full fifteen, the better to torture him for his pre-fight insults, and by the time it ended the rest of my family had stopped listening to the monotonous lack of action.

If I had a year to do it in, I could not describe the relief I felt when the decision was announced. The residual tension had by this time given me a case of stomach cramps so bad that I had to miss the next week of school.

Still and all, in retrospect, I enjoy the memory of that fight as much as I've enjoyed, say, 80 percent of all the fights I've ever seen or heard. It wasn't the fight, so much as the total experience, that was important to me.

I am not only a boxing fan. I also enjoy plays, classical music concerts, gourmet meals and a lot of other art forms. But I find that of all of them, there is no art form that is as much of a true performance art as boxing. There is just as much magic to a bad fight as there is to a good one; if you like boxing enough to be reading this article, you know what I'm talking about. □

Below: Jim Jeffries
Far right: Jack Johnson



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New Faces

BY JACK OBERMAYER

"DIAMOND" JIM MACDONALD

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH? COULD be. Right now, it's more like a rough-cut diamond waiting for that 14-karat seal of approval.

"Diamond" Jim MacDonald came flashing upon the light-heavyweight scene with a shocking fourth round knockout of highly-rated (#1 WBA, #3WBC, and NABF champ) Willie Edwards this past February in Houston.

So who is this MacDonald guy? Where did he come from? What has he been doing? Is he more than just another in a long line of pretty white faces whose publicity far exceeds their ability? Questions, questions, questions. Let's go to the source for some answers.

He is not a star. Having to share the mid-sized dressing room with five other boxers is surely a sign of steps yet to be climbed. Jim was having his hands wrapped by trainer-manager Stan Allen when we spoke before his bout with Cleveland Watkins at The Atlantis Hotel-Casino in Atlantic City.

The six-foot tall David Sears look-a-like will be 27 in August. Married, and the father of two young girls, Jim was born in Flint, Michigan, but now resides in Nashville, Tennessee, where he trains diligently at the local PAL gym.

He got his nickname from his teenage buddies, because he was always rumaging around the local flea markets, looking for inventory for his own antique business.

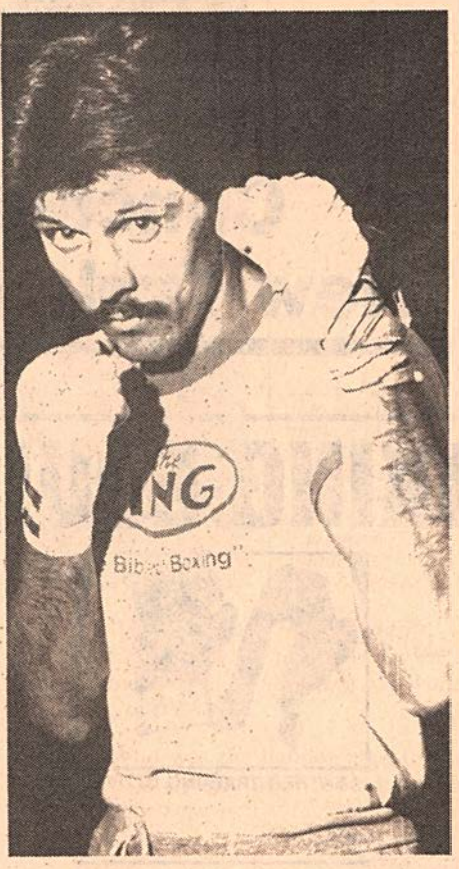
As a high-school student, Jim was a follower of all sports, especially football. His uncle was a professional footballer. But things didn't work out as hoped, mainly due to Jim himself.

"I was a bad boy in school and I was not able to pursue the All-American football dream. I was too bored with school."

But his school (Grand Blanc) also had a boxing team.

"It seemed to me that in boxing they would say, hey, if you can win, you can continue. It gave you a chance. In football, you needed a scholarship and college. I wasn't ready for that."

Like most teenagers, he needed instant gratification. What really turned him on was the night of his first amateur bout—a disputed loss. He loved the cheers. After



that first 132 lb. sub-novice Golden Glove bout, he was hooked.

"That fight put something in my heart, because of the standing ovations after each round," remembers Jim.

After eight more amateur bouts, he joined the Marines. By the time of his discharge in the summer of 1981, he had racked up various Marine, military and outside amateur titles. The Marines, boxing disciplines, and his wife and children have matured him considerably.

"I'm a born again Christian, I can't leave that out. I'm into Christian music and would someday want to expose it to the world."

Exposing Jim MacDonald to the world wasn't so easy at first. His original manager was, according to Jim, a "millionaire drug dealer" who got caught. Emanuel Steward had seen him, however, and he took Jim in as a sort of honorary road member of The Kronk stable.

"Emanuel had me under contract, but things didn't seem to be working out. I can't really blame him, he was a busy man. I sparred with Hearns for the Benetiz fight, but I didn't have an actual fight for thirteen months."

Through Marine buddy Lane Killian, Jim was introduced to Stan Allen. The man with the big right hand has been active ever since, appearing twice on ESPN cards before the Edwards win. Allen calls Jim, "a clean liver and conscientious. Very coachable, with natural power and exceptionally good on his feet for a light heavyweight."

His fight in Atlantic City was not pretty. He admitted afterward that he has a tendency to let his foe get over-confident (Watkins did take the first three rounds on my card) because he feels his powerful right hand bomb will always come to his rescue. It worked on this night, but Watkins had to be floored four times before the referee stopped it. At first, Jim let him off the hook, and while that may work against less-than-top-ten opposition, it could prove fatal over the long haul. Jim shows very little leg movement and even less in the way of a killer instinct.

A diamond in the rough indeed. □

Editor's Note: *As we go to press, Michael Spinks announced that he had signed to defend his title against MacDonald.*

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF JIM MAC DONALD

Nashville, Tennessee, light heavyweight
Manager/Trainer: Stan Allen
Amateur Record: 45-11

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1982		
Jul. 10	Sam Nichelson	Phoenix	KO 1
Aug. 3	Chet Smith	Phoenix	KO 1
	1983		
Sept. 14	Mario Johnson	Nashville	KO 3
Oct. 29	Tony Jordan	Ft. Payne	KO 3
Dec. 29	Roy Saffold	Nashville	KO 3
	1984		
Feb. 27	Robert Thomas	Muscle Shoals	KO 3
Mar. 7	Chester Peters	Nashville	KO 5
Apr. 19	David Franklin	Houston	KO 6
Apr. 24	Chris Wells	Nashville	KO 2
May 24	Tim Eaton	Nashville	W 8
Jul. 10	David Plouden	Nashville	KO 1
Aug. 30	Dennis Roberts	Nashville	KO 3
Oct. 13	David Curry	Florence	KO 3
	1985		
Feb. 17	Willie Edwards	Houston	KO 4
Mar. 3	Johnny Williams	Bristol	KO 3
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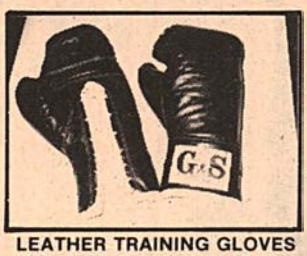

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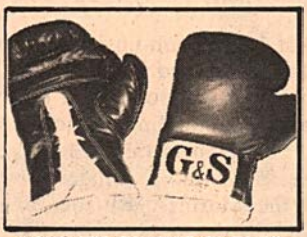

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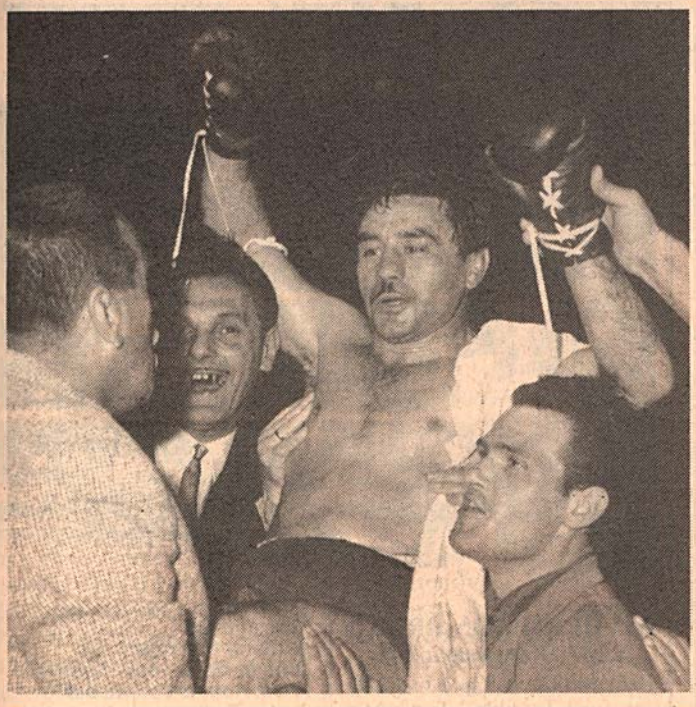
By Herbert G. Goldman



Laszlo Papp is lifted into the arms of his trainers after defeating Christian Christensen via a fourth-round knockout to win the European middleweight title, July 7, 1964.

Q Whatever became of Stanley Ketchel's slayer? Did he go to prison? Did he remain with his wife? What direction did his life follow after that fated day?

—A.L. NAYER
London, England

A *Walter A. Dipley, who shot and killed Ketchel for "trifling" with his girl friend, Goldie Smith, on October 15, 1910 in Conway, Missouri, went to prison for 23 years. Goldie disappeared after the trial, and no more was heard of Dipley after his release in 1933.*

Q How old is the flyweight division?

—BRYAN FORMBY
Philadelphia, Pa.

A *The flyweight class, as such, was first established by Britain's National Sporting Club, when that august body standardized the weight classes in February, 1909. The weight limit was set at 112—the same as today. Previous to that, there was a paperweight division at 108 pounds. Jimmy Barry of Chicago won the world crown at that weight by knocking out Walter Croot in 1897.*

Q Who was the lightest man to ever hold a world title? A bet hinges on your answer.

—MICHAEL BRADY
Provo, Utah

A *Jimmy Wilde, who held the world's flyweight crown from 1916 to 1923. Jimmy fought at weights ranging from 94 to 109½ pounds.*

Q What was the scheduled distance of the Corbett-Sullivan bout?

—HUBERT QUIGLEY
Boston, Mass.

A *It was a finish fight. Corbett kayoed Sully in round 21.*

Q Three-time Olympic Gold Medalist Laszlo Papp was 27-0 as a professional. Why did he never receive a title shot?

—LEON PEREZ, JR.
Seabrook, Texas

A The Ring *ranked Papp as a top middleweight contender for years. Pressure from the Hungarian Communist government restricted his professional career.*

Q Your *Ring Record Book* says Benny Leonard fought "Pal Moore" in Rockaway on September 7, 1914. Was this Memphis Pal Moore, the bantamweight?

—HARRY ARTHUR
Jackson, Mich.

A *No. The man Leonard fought was Philadelphia Pal Moore, a well known lightweight.*

Q Who was the first black man to win a world boxing championship?

—CLARENCE JOHNSON
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A *George Dixon. He won the vacant world 116-pound title by knocking out Nunc Wallace at the Pelican Club in London on June 27, 1890.*

Q What is Kid Gavilan's real name?

—MANUEL HERNANDEZ
San Antonio, Texas

A *Gerardo Gonzalez.*

Q How much did Sam Langford weigh when he beat world lightweight champion Joe Gans in 1903?

—AL JEFFERSON
Philadelphia, Pa.

A *Sam weighed 139 pounds for that bout.*

Q Who was the last Canadian to win a world boxing title?

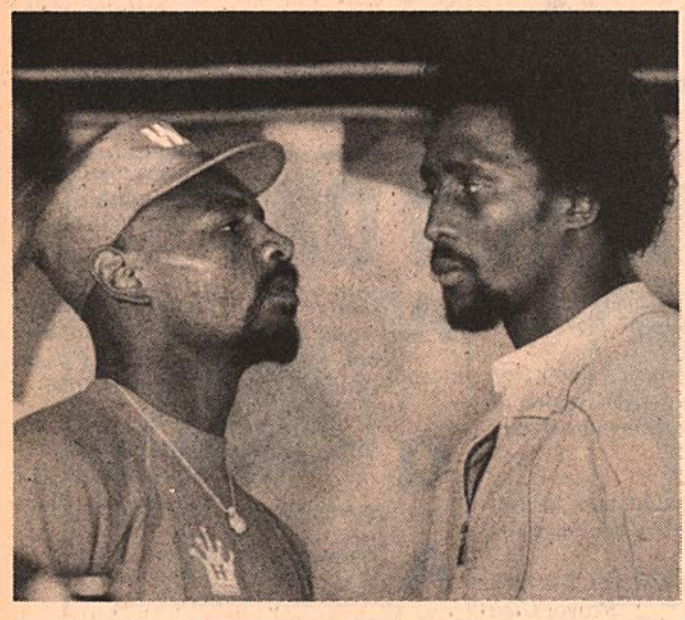
—JOE HECHT
Detroit, Mich.

A *Jackie Callura. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on September 24, 1917, and held the NBA featherweight title from January 18 to August 16, 1943.*

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

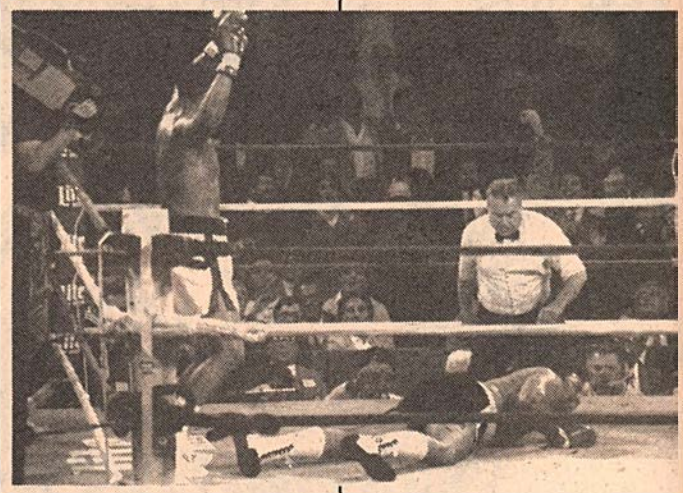
Both Hagler and Hearns look mean prior to their showdown, but after three rounds of all-out warfare, Hagler was still the undisputed middleweight champion—and *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month.



HOW COULD ANYONE OTHER THAN **MARVELOUS MARVIN Hagler** be Fighter of the Month? His spectacular third round TKO over Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns, in a sensational slugfest, has to be one of the greatest fights of this, or any other, year. "Marvelous Marvin" silenced his critics with a brilliant performance that established a new bench mark for controlled savagery. Right on, Marvin.

This month's runner-up spot goes to **"Terrible" Tim Witherspoon** for his two-round demolition of James (Broad Axe) Broad. Witherspoon hadn't looked so good since his near-miss against Larry Holmes. The quick victory pumped new life into Tim's sagging career and also earned him the North American Boxing Federation title.

Honorable mention to old warrior **Marvin Johnson** for his sixth-round stoppage over Eddie Davis in a light heavyweight elimination bout, and also to **Juan (Kid) Meza** for his sixth round TKO over Mike Ayala. Although Meza was the champion, Ayala was favored to take the WBC junior featherweight crown. Meza fooled the experts and retained the belt.



"Terrible Tim" Witherspoon raises his arms in victory as referee Frank Adams counts out James Broad.

WITHERSPOON-BROAD
NABF Heavyweight Title

BUFFALO, N.Y.—REDEMPtion for "Terrible" Tim? At a trim and ready 223 pounds, the former WBC heavyweight champion left little doubt this night, as he blasted out James (Broadaxe) Broad, Greensboro, N.C., at 2:35 of round two in a scheduled twelve to take the NABF title on the Tubbs-Page undercard.

Forget the fact that Broad insulted the trade by coming in at an obscene 261. It didn't matter, he didn't have to lug it around very long.

Witherspoon took full advantage of the opportunity so graciously bestowed upon him by Don King. Loose and jovial before the bout, Timmy spent a relaxing hour with friends at a post weigh-in breakfast. Joking and jiving was the rule of the table. Across the room sat the Broad think tank, possibly looking for ways to explain away their man's huge girth. One smartie (at another table of course) called Broad, "a pugalistic pachyderm." My my.

Even Timmy himself joked about his victim's excess poundage at the post-fight press conference. "I told everybody I was going to jump out of the ring (he didn't) if he started on his way down, because he'd make a big hole in the ring and suck everybody down with him."

As for the bout itself, Tim dictated from the first punch, even if that long right lead did miss the mark. He used a prodding jab to force the ring center action, keeping Broad at bay. For diversity, he added in a few good whacks to the ample midsection with the right hand. If not spectacular, it was a workman like effort and clearly his round.

With round two, the right was in full working order. Employing what his trainer, Slim Jim Robinson, coined as a "three step and right" tactic, (Tim had actually gone into

the ring earlier in the day to measure off this step, step, step and fire approach) Witherspoon couldn't miss his ponderous target. A boom right put Broad on the ropes and there it was written—even if it did take referee Frank Adams a few more seconds than necessary to realize it. By that time, Broad was slumping to the canvas. Rather then stopping it, Adams gave a count as James tried to right his bulk but fell back into the ropes—thus getting the full ten-second treatment.

Asked if he thought Adams should have stopped it before the knockdown, Witherspoon replied, "I gues the referee wanted to give the champ the benefit of the doubt, maybe he'd wake up." Now Timmy is the "champ"—NABF style.

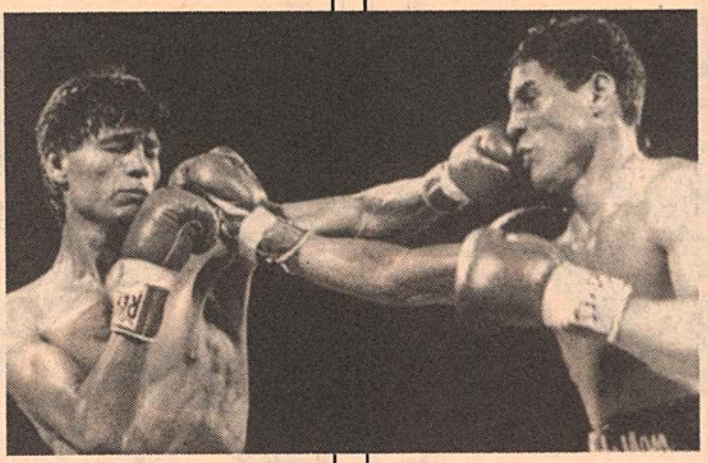
Witherspoon upped his record to 19-2 with 13 knockouts. With the win came his own vindication and a possible shot at either Tubbs or a rematch with WBC boss Pinklon Thomas. No worry, no hurry, King has them all on his trophy case.

As for Broad? Most, save his Mr. Nice Guy manager, Stan Hoffman, probably couldn't care less. The now 17-2 (11 kayoes) heavyweight is hardly in anyone's top ten favorites list, and he sure isn't a graceful loser.

Maybe he can become God's gift to Weight Watchers, rather than trying to fill the position of just plain God's gift. Maybe it is true when they say that the less we see of James Broad, the better. 261 pounds, indeed! Go on, get outta here.

CAMACHO-MONTOYA
NABF Lightweight Title

HECTOR CAMACHO, 135, N.Y.C., took a twelve-round unanimous decision over Roque Montoya, 134, Renosa, Mexico to capture the vacant NABF lightweight title. The referee was Luis Rivera and the scoring was as follows: Jack Milicich, 119-107; Don Ackerman, 120-107; Billy Graham, 118-111. *The Ring* had it 119-107, giving a 10-7 to Camacho in round eight and having Montoya take his only round in the final three minutes.



Roque Montoya (left) spears the "Macho Man" with a left to the face. But throughout the bout it was Camacho who did most of the scoring, winning a unanimous decision and the NABF title.

He who commands and demands center stage was announced in part, as "The Puerto Rican Express." The swifty southpaw fought more like a local. In fact, he made so many stops along the way, that even his beloved fans got on him on occasion and cheered the sinewy underdog as the bout wore on.

Unable to fathom (who can?) the "Macho" Camacho canvas art, Montoya was out of his league in this one, but he never let on. Along the way (more so in the later rounds) he was able to land a fair amount of the only credible punch in his limited arsenal—a straight right. It caught Hector's attention, but by then it was too late.

Camacho was the early aggressor, looking fairly sharp. He then started to resort to some holding and hitting (a trademark) but was warned—and booed by the crowd.

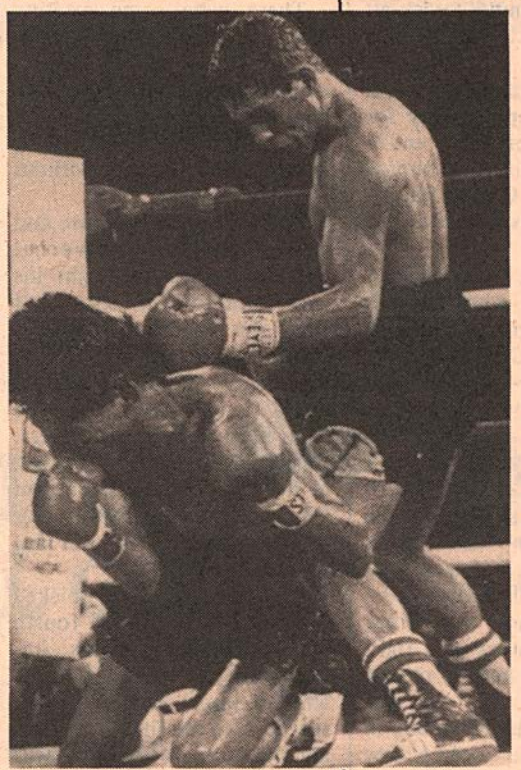
In round six, Montoya took the initiative for the first time and his corner exhorted him to press even more. In the next session, Roque sought to put two moderate rounds back to back, but Camacho was laying in wait.

The early part of round eight saw Hector land a leaping right, followed by two lefts as Montoya was already starting to go down. Up and still shaken, the second knockdown was more from a push than anything, Rivera ruled it a knockdown (the three knockdown rule was in effect).

The trainer of Camacho, Jimmy Montoya (no relation to Roque), was blatantly motioning and shouting for his man to end it by dropping his foe right here in his (Hector's) own corner. Comparisons are inevitable. Would a 1983 Camacho have put his man away by now? Later Hector answered with, "I said I'm the Macho Man, not Houdini."

The last four rounds were rather tame, and the crowd picked up on the steady willingness of Montoya. To counter this, Camacho took time before the start of the last round to lean through the ropes, pointing and gesturing at Muhammad Ali. Nevertheless, he eased off. Said Hector later, "I got the fight in the bag, why take chances?" Asked about having to go twelve rounds, he responded, "They always fight better (when they fight me). What can I say? I'm not glad, I'm not mad. It comes in handy."

At the post-fight press conference, he looked winded and it was his entourage that took up the slack with chants



Hector (Macho) Camacho hammers Roque Montoya to the floor in the eighth round of their NABF lightweight title bout in Buffalo. But despite two trips to the canvas, the Mexican survived to last the distance.

of "What time is it!" Sound familiar? The expected answer now is "Macho Time."

In a scheduled 10, Matthew Hilton, 145½, Montreal kavoed Roberto Hernandez, 151½, Lynn, Mass., in 0:38 of round nine. One left hook, one knockdown, as Hilton was winning all the way. Referee was Larry White.

In a scheduled six, Louis Howard, 147½, Phoenix, Ariz., scored a TKO over Dwight Williams, 148½, Syracuse, N.Y., at 1:55 of round two. No knockdowns, Williams was just overwhelmed. Ref was Frank Adams.

Alex Hilton, 158½, Montreal, won a ten-round unanimous decision over Tommy Rogers, 155½, Chicago, in a pleasing no knockdown bout. The ref was Pete Sacco.

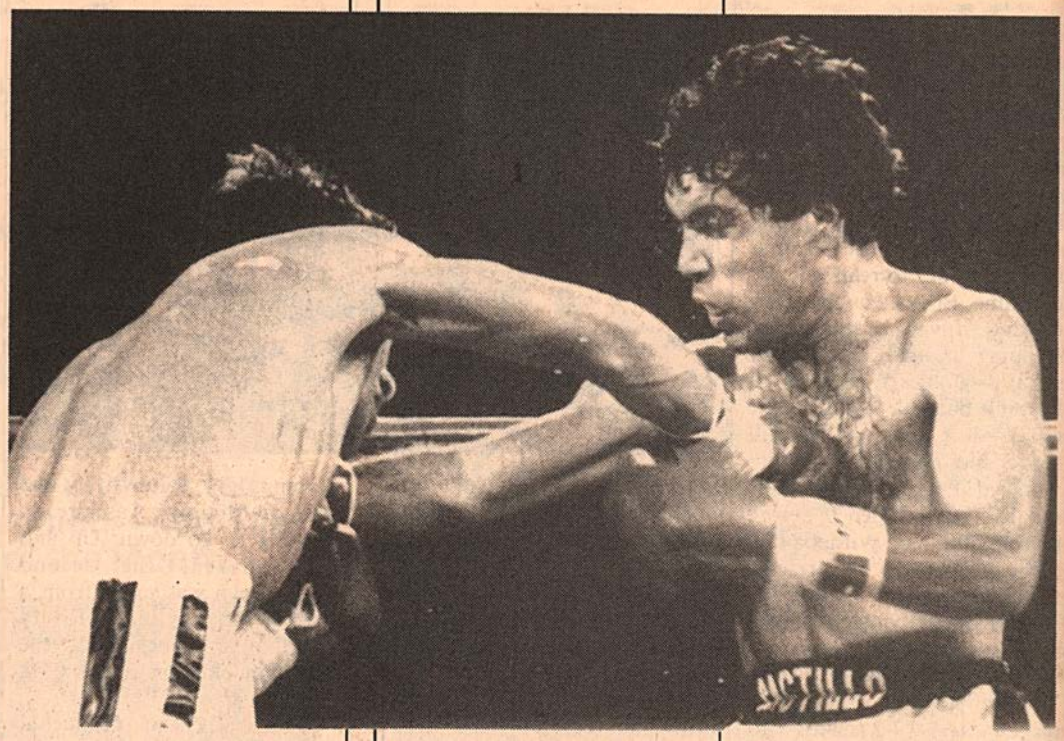
In the midnight walk-out bout, James (Bonecrusher) Smith, 236, Magnolia, N.C., won a ten-round split decision over Jose (Nino) Ribalta, 219, Paterson, N.J. Ribalta was knocked down in round one and badly hurt, but managed to pull himself together and almost pull out an upset win.

Scores: Billy Graham, 7-2-1, Smith; Jack Milicich, 7-3, Ribalta; Don Ackerman, 5-5 in rounds, but 6-5 in points, Smith. *The Ring* saw it 6-4 in rounds for Ribalta, who seemed to dominate the latter stages. The ref was Luis Rivera.

Timekeepers—Johnny Dell, Bob Olson. Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(04-29-85)

JACK OBERMAYER



WBC super featherweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez (left) nails challenger Ruben Castillo with a right to the chin. Chavez retained his title by knocking out Castillo in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-rounder in Inglewood, California.

CHAVEZ-CASTILLO

WBC Super Featherweight Title

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—THERE was no questioning the ability of undefeated Julio Cesar Chavez after he retained his WBC super featherweight title with a sixth round knockout over proven veteran Ruben Castllo.

Castillo's fourth and probably last opportunity for a world championship ended when he was painfully counted out by referee Carlos Padilla 2:56 into the sixth round of a scheduled 12.

Castillo, 130, Bakersfield, is a good fighter who held his own for three rounds, but the 22-year-old Chavez is a brilliant boxer-puncher who hopes to soon be compared to the former Mexican greats.

Chavez, 129½, Culiacan, Mexico, cooly came forward from the opening bell, but the first was the challenger's round. The 27-year-old Castillo skillfully moved side-to-side around the ring, picking off Chavez with right leads and then getting out of punching range.

Castillo continued to box in the second. He took a few rights early and a doubled up left half-way through the round, then gained some respect with a good left uppercut just before the bell. However, it was the champion's round.

There were some exciting exchanges as the fight began to heat up in the third. Castillo landed the sharper blows and might have had a slight edge, but, significantly, Chavez took Ruben's best punches without any visible effect.

The Mexican's accurate and devastatingly powerful punches turned the fight his way in the fourth. Getting off first, he buckled Castillo's knees with a right in the first 30 seconds. Castillo backed up and defiantly tried to fight off Chavez without much success. Castillo taunted and mugged at the end of the session, but Chavez just turned away and calmly walked across the ring to his corner.

Castillo had been nicked over the left eye in the fourth and consecutive rights immediately opened the cut—which later required six stitches—in the fifth. Chavez's combination punching was now beginning to sting the challenger.

Castillo was pinned on the ropes from the opening moments of the sixth. Chavez attacked without letup. Hooks to the body had Ruben hurt and covering and his face was smeared with blood. Each succession of quick, precise, and hurtful blows weakened Castillo until a right sent him to the canvas. For a moment it looked like Castillo would try to get up, but, glassy-eyed, he took the full 10 from referee Padilla.

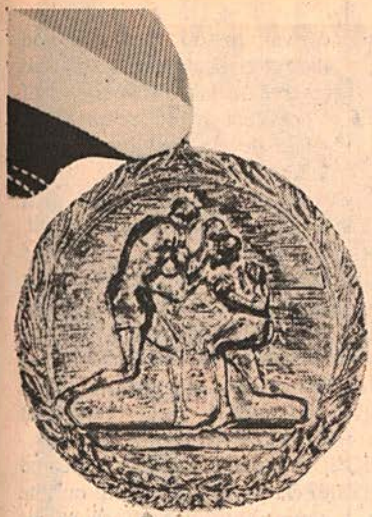
It was the first defense of the title won seven months earlier by Chavez, now 44-0 with 40 knockouts. Castillo fell to 64-5-2 with 35 kayoes.

Judges—John Coyle (Great Britain), Dimas Hernandez (Venezuela), Dr. James Jen-Kin (United States).

MEZA-AYALA

WBC Super Bantamweight Title

ALSO RETAINING HIS TITLE with a sixth round knockout in his first defense was Juan (Kid) Meza, 121½, Mexicali, who stopped strangely reluctant Mike Ayala, 121¾, San Antonio. Referee John Thomas rescued Ayala with 1:31 gone in the sixth of their scheduled 12-round super



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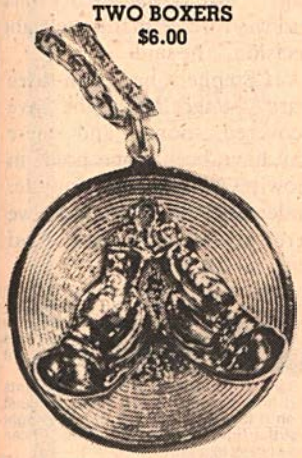

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bantamweight title fight.

The 29-year-old Meza had wanted to prove that his first round title win over previously unbeaten Jaime Garza was no fluke. But, because the 27-year-old Ayala virtually gave him the victory, the doubts will remain.

Ayala retreated from the opening bell. His only worthwhile punch was a body shot in the final seconds. Meza had problems catching up to the Texan, but won the round on aggressiveness.

Meza had it even easier from the second frame on. The champion is not a skilled boxer, but he can punch and Ayala played into his strength by standing still against the ropes. Ayala's strategy might have been understandable if he would have tried to counter. Instead, he refused to throw any punches in the second and third rounds.

Ayala had some success with a flurry of blows that pinned Meza on the ropes in the first minute of the fourth. However, he stepped back, waited, and lost what was to be his only advantage.

The challenger started brightly in the fifth with a couple of short lefts, but spent the last half of the round in a neutral corner bobbing defensively while Meza whacked away with both hands.

Ayala met Meza in center ring opening the sixth, then almost immediately made a beeline for the same neutral corner. Even though a left wobbled Ayala at the minute mark, he remained stationary. Meza rained in blows to body and head of the fading challenger. A solid left and a following short right dropped Ayala to one knee. Ayala climbed up but was out on his feet and bleeding from a cut over his right eye, forcing referee Thomas' quick intervention.

Meza improved his record to 43-6 with 25 kayoes. Because of his dismal effort, it looks like the end for Ayala, who saw his record fall to 37-3 with 20 knockouts.

Judges—Dick Cole (United States), Ray Solis (Mexico), Rudy Ortega (United States).

Former WBC bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor, 125, Mexico City, prolonged his career with a knockout over very ordinary Eugenio Morgan, 124½, Phoenix, in 2:37 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Morgan was floored twice. Marty Denkin, referee.

World rated Rene Arredondo, 141½, Apatzingan, kayoed Hector Medina, 142½, Los Angeles, in 1:19 of the first round in their scheduled 10-round mismatch. A left hook to the body finished Medina. Denkin, referee.

Manny Hernandez, 135, Oakland, won a controversial 10-round majority decision over old-timer Juan Antonio Lopez, 134¾, Culiacan. Lopez scored the only knockdown with a left to the body in the seventh. Hernandez boxed well in the first four rounds, but Lopez always forced the fight and was a two point winner on *The Ring* scorecard. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 96-93; judge Denkin, 95-95; judge Jen-Kin, 95-94.

Mexican prospect Luciano Solis, 126¼, Mexico City, made it three straight wins inside the distance with a knockout over Armando Dominguez, 127, Phoenix, in 1:48 of the second round in a scheduled six. Dominguez was floored by a body shot and counted out by referee Moret.

Also remaining unbeaten in three pro bouts was Javier Camacho, 127, Monterrey, Mexico, who had to work very hard to unanimously outpoint tough Adam Garcia, 126¾, El Mirage, six. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 58-57; judge Moret, 58-56; judge Denkin, 59-55.

Southpaw Lucilo Nolasco, 118¼, Los Angeles, impressively outpointed game Alberto Garcia, 117, Los Angeles, four, not losing a round. Garcia was decked in the opening round. Jen-Kin, referee.

Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physicians.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

The twice postponed double title card, co-promoted by Don King and Jerry Buss, was attended by only 7,100.

(04-19-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

PULTZ-BENTON
USBA Cruiserweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—GIVEN little chance of winning, Richard (Boone) Pultz, 188¼, Clifton, N.J., surprisingly switched styles and lifted the USBA cruiserweight title from champion Bernard Benton, 187½, Detroit, 12. Though unbeaten in 10 bouts, the unschooled brawler Pultz was mainly just an undercard ticket-seller, matched to bring out some extra, neighborhood fans. The rock-like Benton, who'd been getting honed against some solid opposition, figured to be too much. But while Bernard is welcome at a brawl, don't invite him to dance.

Boone must have figured this out by the third round. After coming out on the short end of some early slugging, with his left eye already swelling in the second, the lead-footed Pultz turned into a not-too-graceful, but effective, dancer. A "will-o'-the-wisp" he wasn't, but "Boone-o'-the-wisp" was more than enough to confound the steamrolling champion. Circling away from the plodding Benton, the challenger would pepper him with counters before he could pull the trigger. The pattern remained unbroken through the rest of the bout. Pultz would dance for two rounds, then rest for one, being strong enough to shut down Benton on the inside. Bernard had to play catch-up all night, and never quite did. The judges showed admirable appreciation of what was going on in the ring, voting unanimously for Pultz: Frank Brunette, 118-111; Lawrence Wallace, 116-113; Thomas Kaczmarek, 115-114. Tony Perez refereed.

Vinnie Pazienza, 139½, Cranston, R.I., TKO'd Antoine (Unpredictable) Lark, 140½, Gary, Ind., at 2:46 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Lark imitated a growing vine, as his main goal seemed to be only to make Paz look bad. Vinnie shoved him around and worked the body, until Lark fell from exhaustion in the fifth, then three more times in the sixth. Ref, Perez.

Pedro Rivera, 140½, Collingswood, N.J., dished out a beating to William Reid, 140¼, Baltimore, via unanimous decision, six. Rudy Battle refereed.

Terrence Simpson, 162¼, Bronx, TKO'd an out-on-his-feet Billy Joe, 161, Albany, at 2:33 of the second in a scheduled four. Ref. Battle.

Ismael Negron, 146½, Newark, dropped Ricky Stevenson, 148½, Portsmouth, Va., for a TKO at 0:50 of the second in their scheduled four. Ref, Perez.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—800 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Ed Derian.

(03-27-85)

J.R. JOWETT

CROUS-STEPHENS
WBA Junior Heavyweight Title

SUN CITY, BOPHUTHATSWANA—Piet Crous became only the second South African to successfully defend a world boxing title when he stopped Randy Stephens in the third round of their WBA junior heavyweight title fight at the Superbowl.

Crous had to climb off the canvas to do the trick and many ringsiders felt that referee Vis Fernandez of Venezuela acted prematurely when he stopped the fight at 2:22 of the round.

After a fairly quiet first round and a livelier second, Crous went all out to try and end the bout in the third. But as Stephens rocked and rolled from the power of the champion's punches, the American rallied with a desperation right that put Crous on the seat of his pants.

Referee Fernandes appeared to err by failing to call out the count, but it was 10 seconds or more before he ordered the men to resume fighting.

Crous, more embarrassed than hurt, had regained his feet almost immediately. As the referee waved the men back into action, he swept into Stephens and fired a barrage of blows to the head.

To everyone's surprise, Stephens stood his ground and fought back. For a moment it looked like anybody's fight as both men rocked each other with powerful punches. As Stephens began to wobble, referee Fernandes jumped in and called a halt.

Paul Percifield, the American's manager, later said that he was satisfied with the stoppage. "Randy was clearly hurt and the referee made the right decision," he said.

"If Stephens had been three years younger he might have recovered sooner and there may have been some point in allowing the fight to continue. Under the circumstances, we were satisfied that Randy had given his all."

Brian Baronet of South Africa survived low blows, head butts, and a torrid last round to win a unanimous decision over Juan Rondon of Venezuela over 10 rounds in an official WBA junior welterweight title eliminator.

Baronet established an early points lead and, except for the seventh round when it looked as though Rondon might turn the fight around, the South African was always in control.

Jose DeJesus of Puerto Rico knocked out Mveleli Luzipho of South Africa in the third round of a junior flyweight bout.

Brian Mitchell of South Africa forced Carlos Rodriguez of Puerto Rico to retire in his corner at the end of the sixth round, junior lightweights.

Sakkie Enslin clearly outpointed Everett Martin of the United States in a six-round light heavyweight fight.

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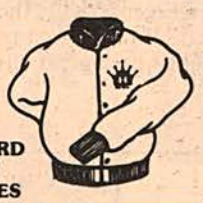

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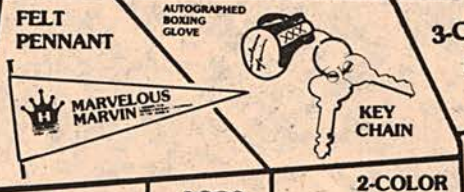

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THE GREATEST FIRST ROUNDS OF ALL-TIME

by Herbert G. Goldman

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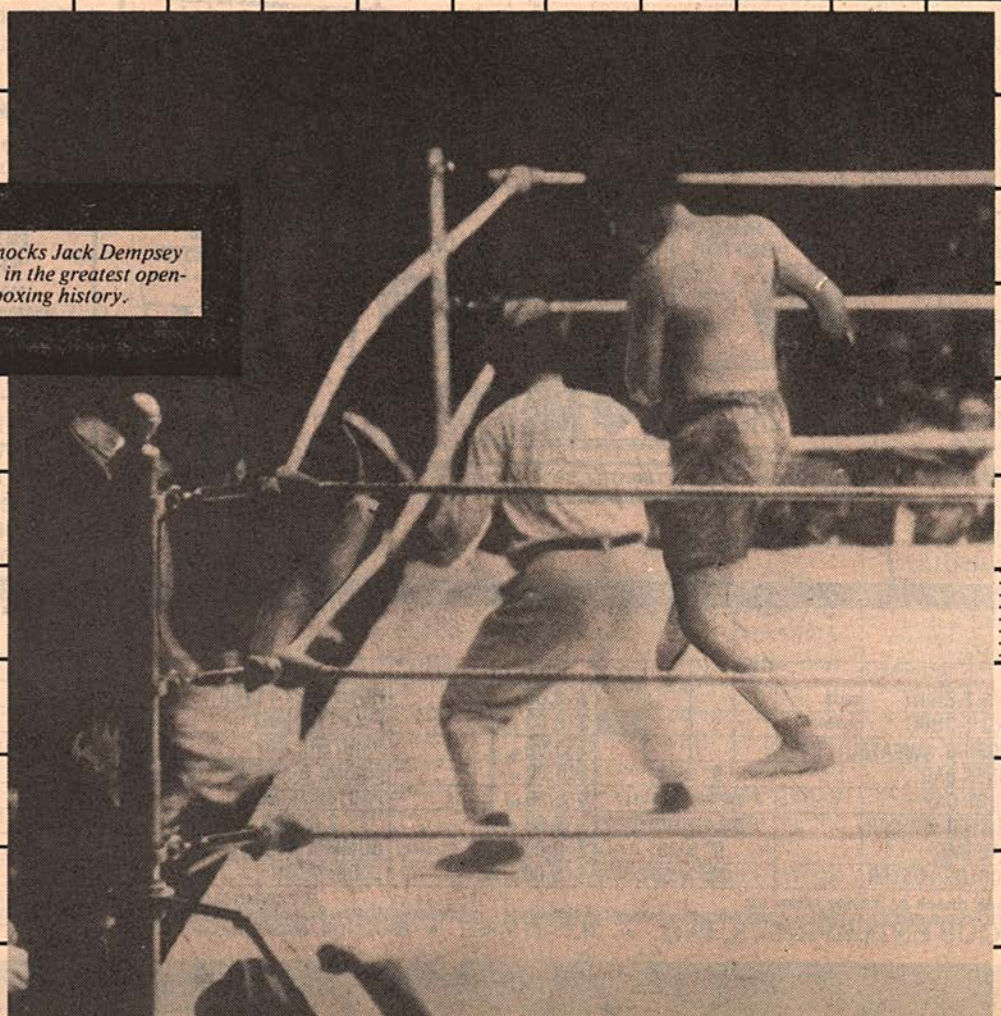
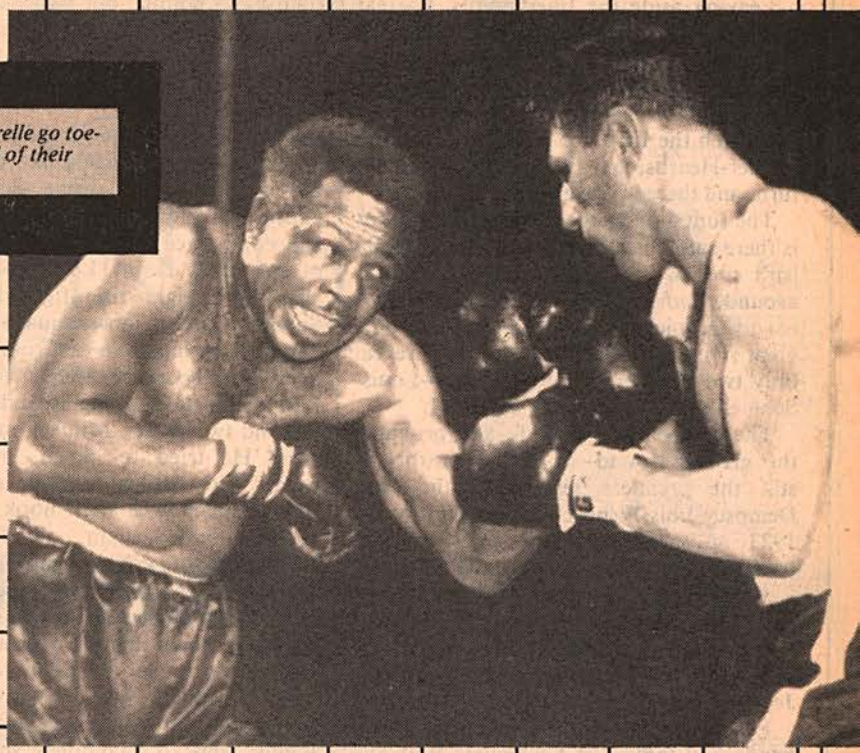
9. Moore-Durelle I
10. Liston-Patterson I

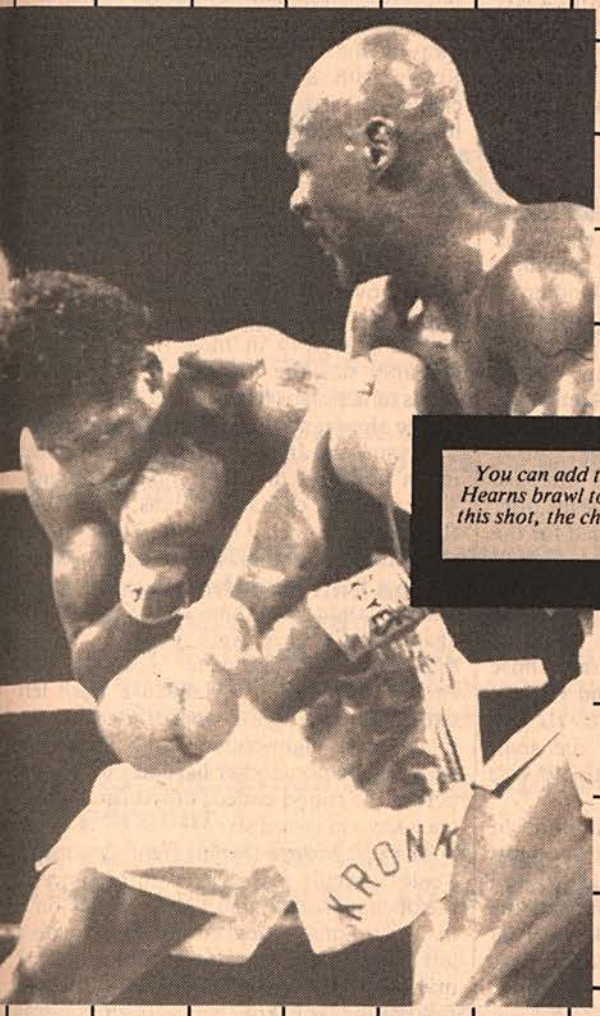
NOW THAT ALL THE EXCLAMATIONS AND EMOTIONS HAVE been gone through, it is time to put the Hagler-Hearns fight in historical perspective. "Greater" boxing history will recount how the sport of boxing enjoyed a brief resurgence with the Hagler-Hearns bout, but this piece will confine itself to the first round. We know the first round Hagler-Hearns fight was a great first round. The question is, *how* great?



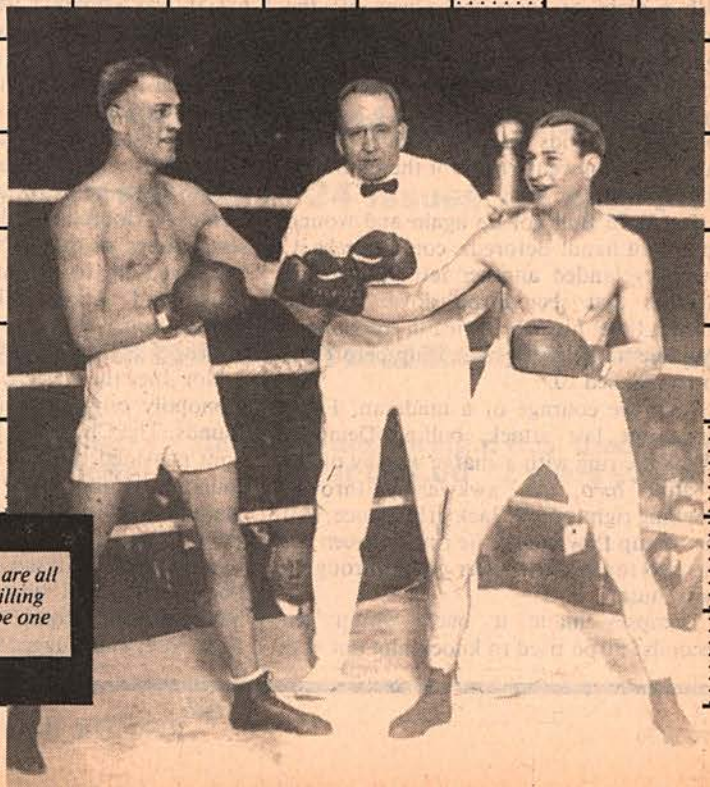
Luis Angel Firpo knocks Jack Dempsey clean out of the ring in the greatest opening round in boxing history.



Archie Moore (left) and Yvone Durelle go toe-to-toe during the opening round of their 1958 classic.



You can add the opening round of the recent Hagler-Hearns brawl to the list of all-time great first rounds. In this shot, the champion has Hearns pinned on the ropes, eating leather.



Richie Mitchell and Benny Leonard (right) are all smiles as they square off prior to their thrilling encounter. The opening round proved to be one of the all-time greats.

Leaving aside the finer points, a great round should contain one or more of the following items: (1) a knockout, (2) a knockdown, (3) a shifting tide of battle. Number (4) is obvious: excitement.

Scratch the first two when you mention Hagler-Hearns, but the tide of battle did turn, and there *was* excitement.

The funny thing about great first rounds is there rarely is a knockout. There usually isn't enough time for excitement, a turn-around, *and* a knockout—all in the first round. A quick glance at the top 10 all-time great first rounds in title history will reveal only two premiere round endings—Louis-Schmeling II and Liston-Patterson I.

The greatest first round—and probably the greatest round—in boxing history is still the premiere session of the Jack Dempsey-Luis Firpo bout—September 14, 1923 at the Polo Grounds, home of baseball's legendary New York Giants.

A right hand dropped Jack within the first few seconds. Up without a count, Dempsey leaped back into battle. A subsequent clinch was broken by referee Johnny Gallagher.

For a split second, Firpo dropped his hands and looked at Gallagher. With the quickness of a cat, Dempsey threw a left hook, and the Wild Bull of the Pampas went down. Up quickly, Firpo attacked with a vengeance until a hard Dempsey left floored him again.

The Wild Bull got up and hammered Dempsey's rib cage. Firpo tried to follow through, but the champ stepped in with a left hook to the chin that floored him for the third time.

Jack stood over his foe, and grazed him with a right as soon as he was off the canvas. The groggy Argentinian went down again, got up, and was floored for the fifth time by a left and right to the jaw. Firpo rose, but Dempsey hit him with a right as soon as his hands and knees were off the canvas. Down went Firpo for the sixth time in the frame.

The Wild Bull got up again and wound up a right hand. Before he could release it, Dempsey landed another left-right—hard punches that sent Firpo down for the seventh time, his face buried in the canvas. By some miracle, he made it up before the count reached 10.

With the courage of a madman, Firpo made one last attack, bulling Dempsey across the ring with a charge worthy of the greatest *toro*. An awkwardly thrown, clubbing right caught Jack off balance, and the champ flew out of the ring between the top two ropes like a letter going through a mail chute.

Dempsey made it back within ten seconds. Firpo tried to knock him out with right hand bombs, but the champ bobbed and threw short punches—several of them after the bell sounded.

P.S.: Dempsey kayoed Firpo in 0:57 of round two.

That was it—the greatest round in boxing history. It reads like the scenario for a movie fight scene, but it really happened—more than sixty years ago.

Second place goes to the opening session of the great Benny Leonard-Richie Mitchell lightweight title fight in Madison Square Garden on January 14, 1921. Leonard, trying for a first round knockout over an especially tough foe, floored Mitchell in the opening seconds with a left jab and two rights. Mitchell made it up at nine. He tried to clinch, but Leonard caught him with a fusillade of lefts and rights capped with a left hook to the chin. Richie was down again.

Mitchell rose at nine again, an ugly gash under his eye as Leonard leaped in for the kill. A left-right to the jaw sent Richie crashing down again. Up at eight, he walked into more Leonard punches. Mitchell fought back, finally landing a tremendous left to Leonard's solar plexus. Benny came to a complete stop, virtually breathless as Mitchell connected with a right to the chin that knocked him down and virtually senseless.

How Leonard rose cannot be readily explained, but rise he did. His strength gone, Benny used his brain to save his title. Holding out his hands, he motioned for the challenger to "come on in and fight." Mitchell, who had taken a ferocious beating, was confused and wary. He hesitated—only for a few short seconds, but it was enough. Leonard used those precious moments to recover, and the bell soon sounded.

Leonard kayoed Mitchell in the sixth round, retaining his lightweight title in one of the greatest fights of all-time.

The first round of Jack's demolition of Jess Willard holds the number three spot. Dempsey floored the 37-year-old Willard seven times in that first session, and the bell saved big Jess from a knockout. That frame had action. What it lacked was competition. Willard took a frightful beating.

Nor does the western hemisphere have a monopoly on great fights—or great first rounds. The Chan-Hee Park-Guty Espadas bout provided the fourth greatest opening round in titular history. Held at Kudok Stadium in Pusan, Korea on December 16, 1979, the scheduled 15-round WBC flyweight title bout saw the challenger floor Park with a well timed left hook to the button within seconds of the opening bell. Park rose, and slugged it out with Espadas until a brutal combo sent Guty to the canvas. Espadas beat the count, but his fight was gone. He went down again before the round ended, and was kayoed in the second frame.

Hagler-Hearns is in fifth place. Virtually non-stop action and a turn-around—Hagler was momentarily stunned by a Hearns right—negate the fact that no knockdowns were scored. A great round—greater than the celebrated Louis-Schmeling first-and-only-round of 1938.

The first two Zale-Graziano fights are legends. Don Dunphy says the first bout was the greatest fight he ever saw. The right hand crazy Graziano was known for his all-out attacks, but Zale tried to take the play away in the opening round. Tony floored Rocky with a hard left hook, and the challenger groped for the ropes, pulling himself up at "four." Graziano, fighting mad, threw right hand bombs that had the Man of Steel reeling at the bell. It was war!

Now comes Louis-Schmeling, in which Joe surprised the German—taking the fight to Max instead of waiting to counter. It was all over at 2:04 of the first round. An exciting round, given Schmeling's knockout victory in their first fight, but certainly not the greatest of all-time in terms of action or drama.

The third and last fight between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson resulted in an unexpectedly great opening round. The fighters exchanged jabs, and Ingo floored Floyd with a hard right cross to the chin. Patterson took a mandatory eight-count, but Johansson followed with another right that knocked Floyd down again. Pat's eyes were glazed, and he looked hurt as Ingo came in for the clincher. Floyd, however, landed a flash left and right, and Ingo dropped! He took the mandatory eight-count, and Patterson connected with another hard left to the jaw before the round ended. Floyd finally won via a kayo in round six.

The first Moore-Durelle fight, in which a "cold" Archie was decked three times in the opening round, and Liston-Patterson I, in which Sonny knocked out Floyd with a left hook to the head to become the first man to win the world heavyweight title by a first round knockout, round out the list. And quite a list it is. Hagler-Hearns is "right up there" with the best of 'em. A rematch? That would be like William Shakespeare writing a sequel to *Hamlet*. □

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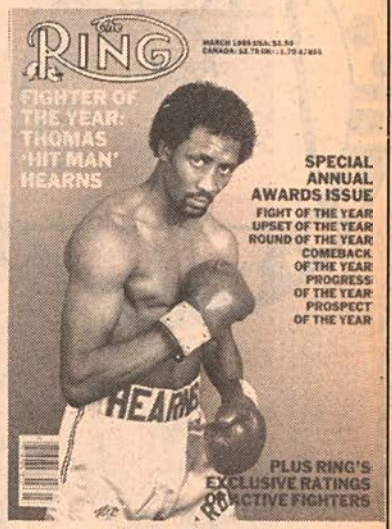

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Marvelous Marvin Hagler: A Superstar at Last

Hagler's Status Soars Following Crushing Defeat of "Hit Man" Hearns.

By NIGEL COLLINS

IT WASN'T UNTIL A COUPLE OF days after his knockout over Thomas Hearns that the true measure of Marvelous Marvin Hagler's spectacular victory really hit home. I had returned from Las Vegas and was sitting in front of the television, allowing some silly sitcom to gradually lull me to sleep. But before Morpheus could carry me away to the Land of Nod, my attention was galvanized by the sight of "Marvelous Marvin" filling the TV screen.

He was munching on a slice of pizza pie, while in the background, somebody laid down some tasty blues licks on the guitar. After savoring a mouthful, the undisputed middleweight champion of the world lowered the pizza, smiled and said: "I was thinkin', I wonder what old-what's-his-name is having tonight?" Then, stifling a chuckle, Marvin nailed the punchline as deftly as he nailed Hearns . . . "Probably soup."

Although Hagler's savage knockout over Hearns had won him the adulation of the boxing world, the commercial for a national pizza chain proved that he has finally achieved recognition from a sanctioning body far more powerful than the WBC, WBA, or IBF—Madison Avenue.

The pizza commercial is not the only sign that Hagler has, at long last, reached superstar status. A rock video by Van Zant, currently being shown on television, also features Marvin posing and punching as rock-'n'-roll types cavort around the gym. The ironic thing about Hagler's sudden popularity with the mass media is that the same strictly-business image which limited his appeal in the past is now responsible for making him the most popular tough guy since Mr. T. Hagler didn't change to accommodate any press agent's script. There's still no phoney breast beating. Marvin just stayed true to himself, and eventually the rest of the world discovered how special an athlete he really is.

While it is true that Hagler is a "professional fighter" in every sense of the word, there is another side to his nature besides the snarling destroyer who turned the "Hit Man" into a horizontal zombie. Marvin has a very down-to-earth quality about him. Absolutely no pretention. He's the sort of guy you could imagine meeting for a few beers at the local taproom. That's probably the reason his pizza commercial (reportedly ad-libbed) comes off so well, In or out of the ring, Hagler is for real.

> "Tommy was a little cocky, and I had something for him."
> —Marvelous Marvin

For years, Hagler had been denied the acclaim he so richly deserved. It seemed that no matter how well he fought, or how often he defended his title against the best the middleweight division had to offer, there were always doubters, eager to find fault. When he splattered opponents all over the ring with devastating power, the critics said he was just a slugger. When he boxed with care and precision, as he did against Roberto Duran, they called him "Mediocre Marvin" and "Marginal Marv." It was as if Hagler had been cursed by the very versatility that made him such a great fighter in the first place. But then, the general public has seldom been known for its discriminating taste, or astute judgment. Like the stubborn mule, the populace often has to be hit over the head with a sledgehammer before they sit up and take notice. And that's exactly what Hagler eventually did by annihilating Hearns—the fighter so many had picked to beat him. He did it with all the ferocity and finality of an assassin's bullet. If any sceptics remain,

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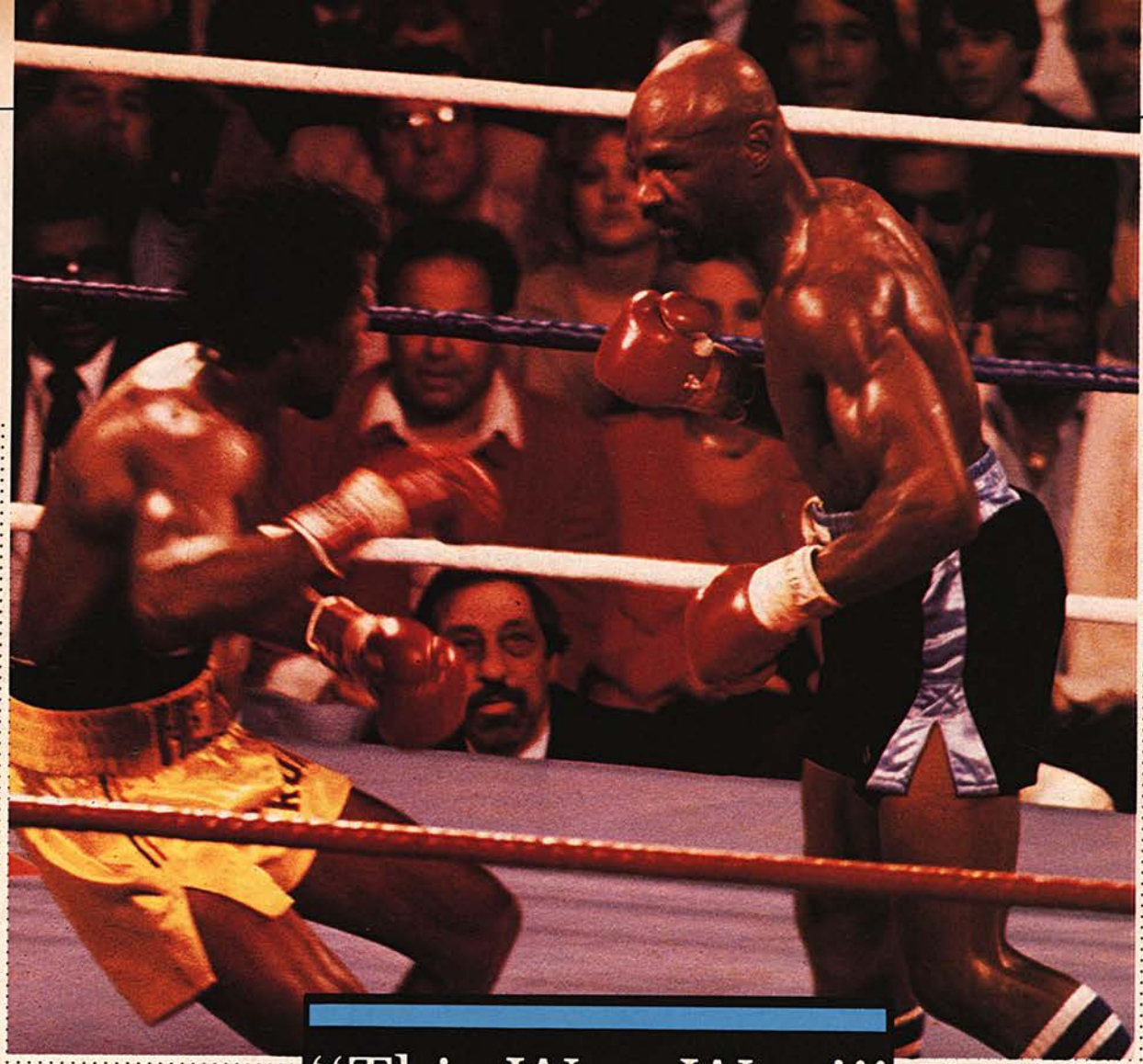

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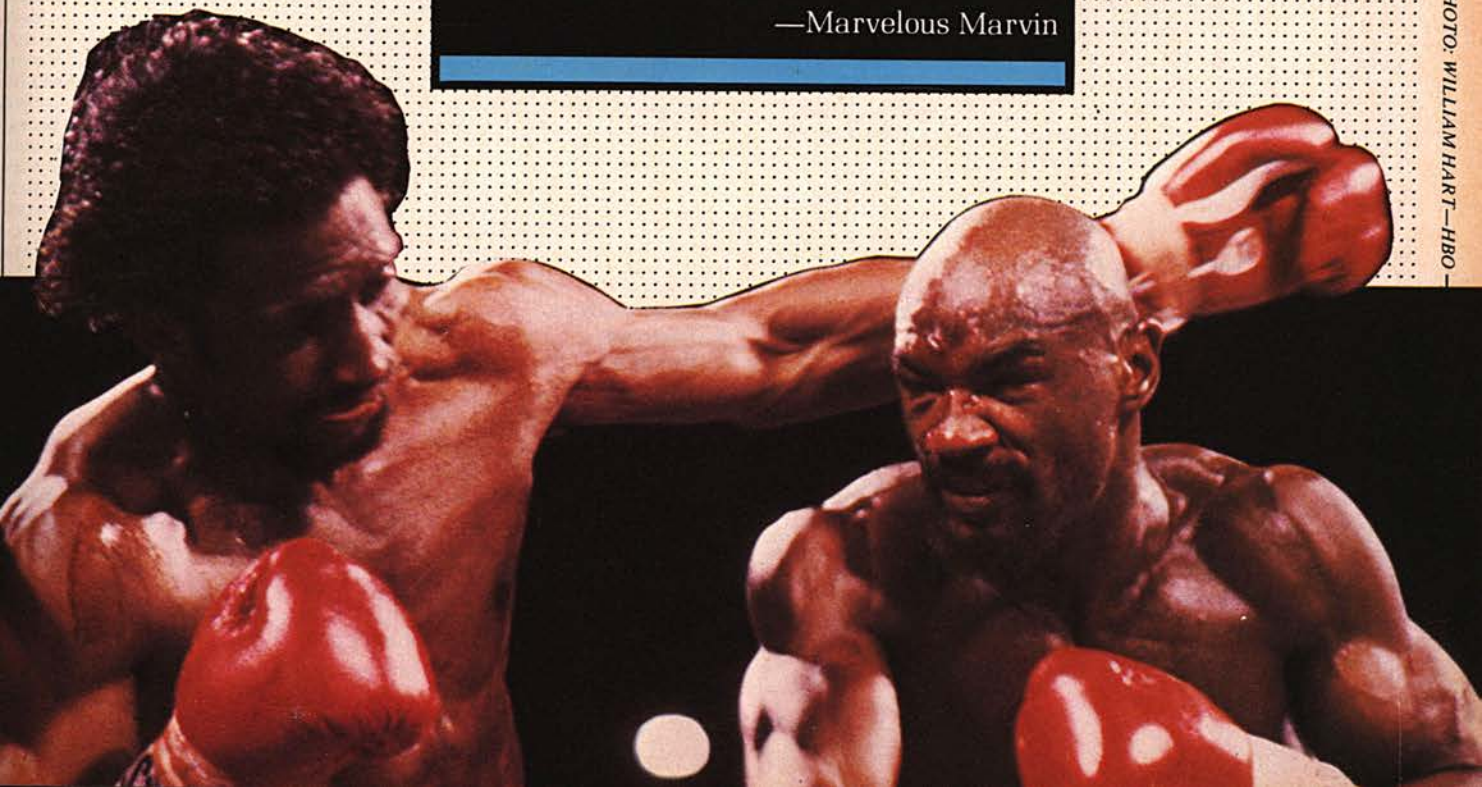
"This Was War!"

—Marvelous Marvin



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(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

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WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

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5. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
6. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7. **Saoul Mamby** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
8. **Gary Hinton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

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2. **Jose Luis Ramirez**** ..... Mexico
3. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Jimmy Paul** ☆ ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Harry Arroyo** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
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8. **Ray Mancini** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
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11. Darryll Tyson 12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards 13. Robin Blake 14. Adolfo Medel 15. Rene Weller.

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WORLD CHAMPION

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3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
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5. **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
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7. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Pat Cowdell** ..... England
9. **Jean Marc Renard** ..... Belgium
10. **Dennis Cruz** ..... New York, N.Y.

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FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
4. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
6. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
7. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Min-Keun Oh** ☆ ..... Korea
10. **Adrian Arreola** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Savage 12. Irving Mitchell 13. Jorge Lujan, 14. Sergio Zambrano, 15. Ramon Sosa, 16. Lupe Suarez, 17. Oscar Bejines, 18. Tyrone Jackson, 19. Dana Roston 20. Tommy Cordova.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan (Kid) Meza**** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Raul Gonzalez** ..... Venezuela
7. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas
8. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic
10. **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama

11. Felipe Orozco, 12. Seung-Hoon Lee, 13. Ramon Dominguez, 14. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 15. Ji-Won Kim, 16. Tommy Valoy, 17. Jesus Flores

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Albert Davila**** ..... Pomona, Calif.
2. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
3. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
4. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5. **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
6. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
7. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Jerome Coffee** ..... Nashville, Tenn.
9. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
10. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas

11. Harold Petty, 12. Enrique Sanchez, 13. Cardenio Ulloa, 14. Jorge Ramirez, 15. Chan-Young Park 16. Kazuo Katsuma, 17. Jose Chacon, 18. Benito Badilla, 19. Gustavo Ballas.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
4. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
7. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
9. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic
10. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines

11. Jose DeJesus, 12. Freddie Castillo 13. Antoine Montero, 14. Jorge Cano, 15. Soon-Chun Kwon, 16. Prudencio Cardona, 17. Francisco Montiel, 18. Reinaldo Becerra, 19. German Torres, 20. Isidro Perez.

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"The reason why I started out slugging is because I had to."
—Thomas Hearns

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they deserve a fate far worse than Hearns'.

If Hagler's journey to fulfillment has been long and arduous, it has also helped forge the kind of man capable of the violence perpetrated on Hearns. When Hagler exploded out of his corner at the sound of the opening bell, it was as if he was fueled by the very frustration he's been forced to endure throughout his unappreciated career. If Marvin was a man possessed, as many claimed he appeared to be against Hearns,. it was a possession tempered by several decades of grueling work and dedication to his trade. For as primitive as Hagler's attack may have seemed to the uninitiated, it was not the wild assault of a maniac, rather the controlled onslaught of a passionate warrior. In the illumination of hindsight, it is easy to see why Hearns never had a chance.

ALTHOUGH BY NOW MILLIONS OF words have been written about "The Fight"—as Bob Arum's publicity mill christened the Hagler-Hearns confrontation—it is worthy of at least this one more telling. The fight was everything anyone could have hoped it would be. The "midget" beat the "freak"—as Hagler and Hearns had taken to calling each other during the pre-fight war of words. And perhaps the most surprising of all, "The Fight" lived up to the hype.

As the challenger, Hearns was the first to make his appearance. He was ushered into the ring to the strains of the "Michigan State Fight Song." A cheer went up as Tommy ducked between the ropes and proceeded to stalk around the ring. He wore a scarlet robe and a serious look on his face. Hearns knew that it was time to put up, or shut up.

Mercifully, Hagler didn't make him wait too long. Soon, a hooded figure in blue velvet was seen shadow boxing his way towards the ring as the P.A. system blared a robust version of "The Stars And Stripes Forever." The aluminum bleachers seemed to shudder beneath the ovation that greeted the official introductions, and following referee Richard Steele's instructions, "The Fight" was on.

The capacity crowd of 15,141 packed into Caesars outdoor arena had been rather mellow during the tedium of the preliminaries and celebrity introductions. But once the fight started, all eyes were riveted on the ring. It was a little like watching a terrible, yet inevitable, accident. You knew you were about to witness something horribly savage, but still couldn't tear your eyes away. The air was suddenly alive with the kind of electricity only a great prizefight can generate.

One of the big questions before the fight was whether or not Hagler could penetrate Hearns' long-armed defense. Marvin missed his first swing, but soon caught Tommy with a right to the head, proving, if nothing else, that he could reach his target. The initial blow from Hagler backed Hearns into the ropes, but as the champion leaped forward, the "Hit Man" uncorked a wicked right to the head. It was the kind of punch that had destroyed 34 victims, including Pipino Cuevas and Roberto Duran. Hagler's knees buckled momentarily, but that was all. He recovered before Hearns could unleash another blow, and continued to press forward, winging bombs as he came.

While some later faulted Hearns for slugging it out instead of boxing, the savagery of Hagler's attack left him no alternative but to fight fire with fire.

"The reason why I started out slugging," admitted Hearns, "is because I had to. I was there. It presented itself. Marvin started running in. I had to protect myself. I had to show Marvin I deserved some respect."

Although he would eventually fall, Hearns showed championship heart in the heat of battle. He fought as he had never fought before, trading punches at an incredible rate. The problem was, that while Hearns was matching Hagler practically blow for blow, his best shots seemed to have little effect. On the other hand, every punch Hagler landed seemed to shake Tommy to his core.

Mid-way into the first, a large cut appeared on Hagler's forehead. It's difficult to know whether it was caused by a punch or a butt. At the rate Hagler and Hearns were going at each other, anything was possible. But although blood was coursing down Hagler's face at an alarming rate, he paid it no attention. He focused strictly on the job at hand—chopping the lanky Hearns down to size.

The non-stop pace continued throughout the first round. It was as if both men were caught up in a frenzied, life and death struggle. And indeed they were. When the bell rang, there was a sense among those present that they had witnessed something very special—an opening round to rival the best.

In a way, that first round also determined the outcome of the fight. Although he fought on for the better part of two more rounds, the punishment Hearns absorbed in the opening three minutes probably sealed his fate. Hearns may have landed 56 punches to Hagler's 50, according to an outfit known as Sports Information Data Base, but obviously, it was a case of quality winning out over quantity.

Willie deWit Held to Draw on Hagler-Hearns Undercard.

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—THE MOST INteresting moment of Bob Arum's rather uninspired undercard came when Canadian Olympic hero Willie deWit found himself on the seat of his pants, compliments of Alex Williamson, in the first round of their scheduled six-rounder. Williamson, fighting out of Miami Beach under the tutelage of Angelo Dundee, nailed deWit with a crisp right to the head for the bout's only knockdown. Although he continued to apply pressure in the second, Williamson seemed to run out of gas after that, allowing deWit to rally down the stretch for a draw. The scores were 57-56, Williamson; 59-55, deWit; and 57-57.

"He hit me a helluva shot, deWit said, "but I thought I won every other round. I was hitting him with a jab every time."

Williamson, 208¾, is now 5-1-2, four kayoes. DeWit, 210¾, Burnet, Texas, slipped to 3-0-1 with three kayoes. The referee was Joey Curtis.

In the official semi-final, Cubanito Perez, 139, Los Angeles, won a somewhat unpopular unanimous decision over Pat Jefferson, 138, Eugene, Oregon, 10, by scores of 97-93 (Jerry Roth), 96-93 (Herb Santos), and 98-91 (Dalby Shirley). The referee was Davey Pearl.

In a good slugfest, Luis Santana, 152½, Hawthorne, California, outpounched Darrell Chambers, 152¾, for a TKO 1:28 into the third round of a scheduled eight. The win lifted Santana to 27-2-1 with 21 kayoes. Chambers, another product of Detroit's Kronk gym, fell to 22-2, 16 kayoes. Referee, Curtis.

Rickey Womack, 175½, Detroit, struggled to a unanimous decision over David Vedder, 170½, San Jose, six. Referee, Pearl.

Andy Minsker, 129½, Milwaukie, Ore., TKO'd John Watkins, 127¾, Los Angeles, at 0:45 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Referee, James Molinell.

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Ringside Physicians—Dr. Flip Homansky, Dr. Donald Romero, Dr. Charles Filippini.

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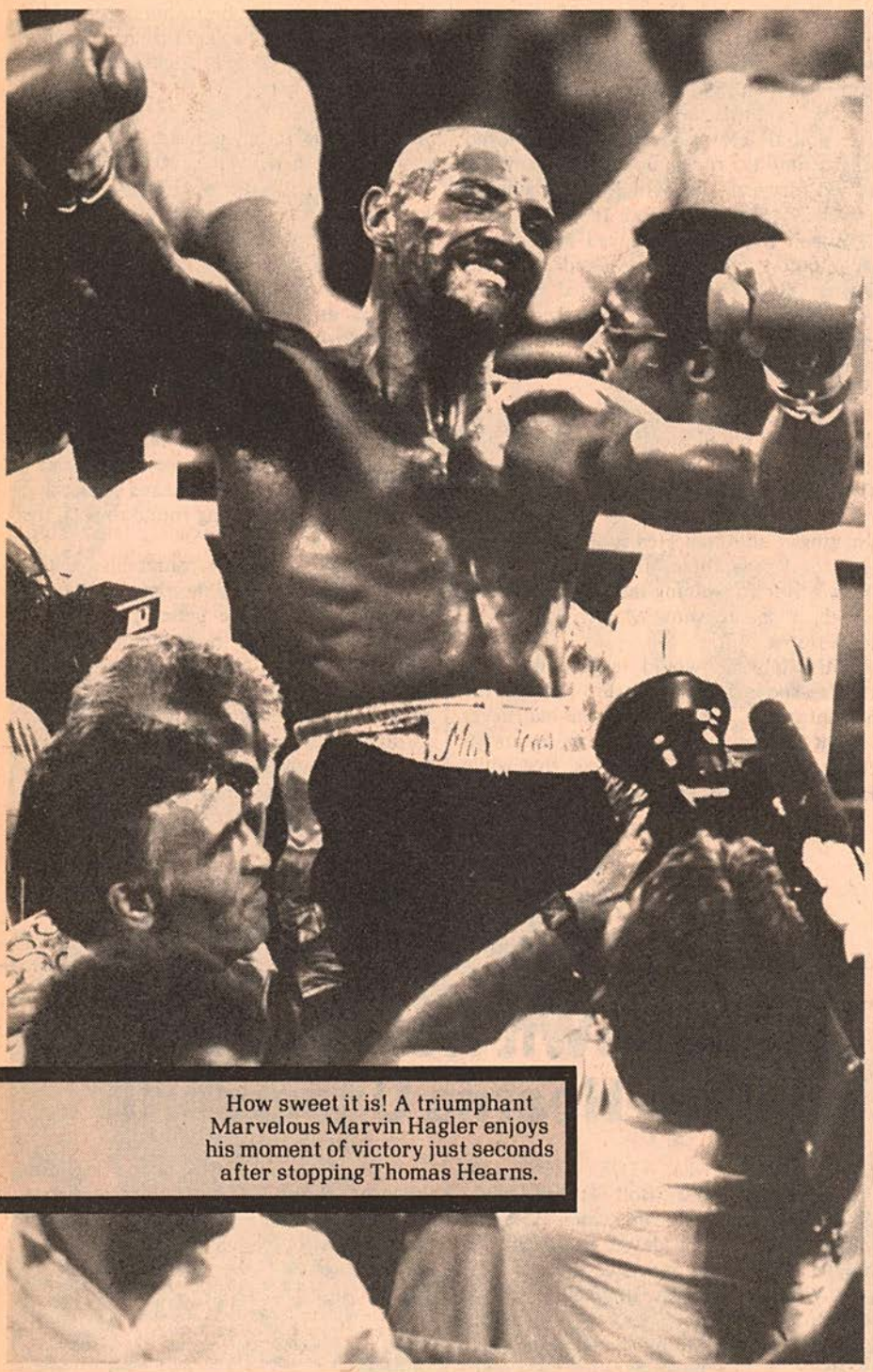


How sweet it is! A triumphant Marvelous Marvin Hagler enjoys his moment of victory just seconds after stopping Thomas Hearns.

The day after the fight, it was revealed that Tommy had suffered a broken right hand. At exactly what point the fist gave way is difficult to ascertain, but the savage right uppercut that briefly stalled Hagler's charge in the early moments of the first is as good a guess as any. Because he stopped sparring six days prior to the fight, there was some speculation that Hearns may have come into the fight with damaged goods. While we haven't seen any evidence to support this theory, if Hearns went into the ring with Hagler in anything less than perfect condition, it was tantamount to committing suicide. But regardless of when the injury occurred, it should in no way detract from Hagler's great victory.

Hagler, 159¼, opened the second the same way he finished the first—full speed ahead, damn the torpedos. He clipped Hearns with a left hook and Tommy smiled. But for Hearns supporters there was precious little to laugh about. At one point, the challenger staggered without being hit, a sure sign that the first round had taken its toll on Tommy's legs.

For the first two minutes of the second, Hearns managed to stay away from most of Hagler's big bombs. He landed a lot of punches as Marvin pressured forwards, but Hagler kept coming, walking through the best the "Hit Man" had to offer.

"Marvin took away Tommy's right hand, that was the key," said Marvin's co-manager/trainer Pat Petronelli. "He ran right through that right hand, and when he (Hagler) knew he could do that, he knew he could do anything. He took away Tommy's legs and he took away Tommy's heart."

Late in the session, Hagler wobbled Hearns into the ropes with a left-right combination. For the remainder of the round, Hearns was stuck to the ropes like a fly to flypaper, with Hagler giving him a brutal working over. At the bell, Marvin gave Tommy a disdainful look and reluctantly turned to his corner. Hearns half-strutted and half-staggered back to his resting place, a weak-looking smile creasing his lips. He flopped on the stool, looking like a moth who had strayed too close to the falme, and suddenly understood that "the heat" could be deadly.

"I knew I had him," Hagler said. "He went back (to his corner) a little slow after the second round.

But victory is a fickle mistress. She was not quite ready to be claimed. There was yet another twist to this drama.

Hearns, 159¾, had spent most of the third round on his bicycle, flicking out jabs when the referee called "time out" for the ringside physician to take a look at Hagler's lacerated forehead. A collective groan went up from the crowd, while closed-circuit promoters around the country held their breath. But Dr. Donald Romeo inspected the wound and quickly waved Hagler back into action.

"I was a little afraid," Hagler admitted later. "But when I saw that blood, I turned into a bull. That's when I knew I had to get serious and get the job done quickly."

Quickly is almost an understatement. No sooner had hostilities resumed than Hagler lashed out with a vicious right. The blow struck Hearns on the temple with such an impact, Tommy was sent stumbling backwards across the ring. Another right kept Hearns going back, and then, after missing a left hook, Marvin applied the finisher—another hard right to the cheek.

Hearns collapsed on Hagler's shoulder and then slid down to the floor, rolling over onto his back, arms outstretched. As Steele took up the count it looked extremely doubtful that Hearns would get up.

He finally groped his way to his hands and knees at around five, and then bravely tottered to his feet as the count reached nine. Steele took a good look at the stricken fighter and wisely terminated the contest at 2:01 of the third.

"I knew he had had enough," reported Steele. "His eyes were glazed; his legs were wobbly."

There was no protest from Hearns' corner. One member of his camp picked Tommy up in his arms like a baby and carried him back to the corner. The expression on Hearns' face was that of a man who had survived a plane crash and was shocked that he had lived to tell the tale.

"What can I say?" asked Hearns, still having difficulty getting his breath 35 minutes after the conclusion of his ordeal. "It happens to the best of us. I'm just glad I'm in great physical condition. I'm not hurt. I thank the Lord for letting me come out not being damaged in any way.

"I'm a winner. I don't take defeat easily. I have to give Marvin his proper respect for being a great champion. He's been a great champion and he proved it tonight."

It's hard to say what's ahead for Hearns. While this was only his second loss in 42 pro bouts (34 kayoes), it was also his second knockout defeat. In the first round, he provided Hagler with more competition than Marvin had seen in practically all of his 10 previous title defenses put together. But will the experience leave him gun-shy and vulnerable to the punches of John (The Beast) Mugabi, the mandatory challenger for Tommy's WBC junior middleweight crown?

What about a rematch with Hagler? It will take time for Hearns' hand to heal, and, despite the thrilling nature of the fight, it is hard to imagine a rematch with Hagler in the foreseeable future. Perhaps promoter Arum put it best when he asked: "How do you convince people that if they fought again in six months the result would be any different?"

That brings us to the lone sore spot of the evening. What convinced judge Dick Young (not to be confused with the New York *Post* columnist of the same name) to score the first two rounds for Hearns? His colleagues, Herb Santos and Harry Gibbs, agreed with *The Ring*, giving both completed rounds to the eventual winner.

Hagler, however, wasn't expecting any favors from the scorekeepers. He's been burned in Vegas before, and knew better than to leave anything to chance. But by the time he appeared at the post-fight press conference, Marvin was the epitome of the gracious winner.

"Tommy is a good fighter. I won't take nothing away from him. He's a very courageous man. He came out the only way you can to try and take it away from the champion. But Tommy was a little cocky, and I had something for him.

"I felt that I wanted to do it better than (Sugar Ray) Leonard. But I still can't take anything from Tommy. It takes two to tango, two to make a great fight. When I came out, I told my trainers that I felt good. When I feel good like that, somebody has to fall. This is what you call a sweet victory. This was war!"

And indeed it was an uncompromising war that catapulted Marvin to the pinnacle of his career. Of course, the big question for Marvin is, where does he go from here? Are there any more mountains to climb? One goal that he plans to strive for is Carlos Monzon's record of 14 consecutive middleweight title defenses. Although there are no super fights on the horizon, there are plenty of guys like James Shuler and Mugabi around to fill out his dance card. Arum also dreams of a future fight with WBA welterweight boss Donald Curry. But that intriguing match is way down the road.

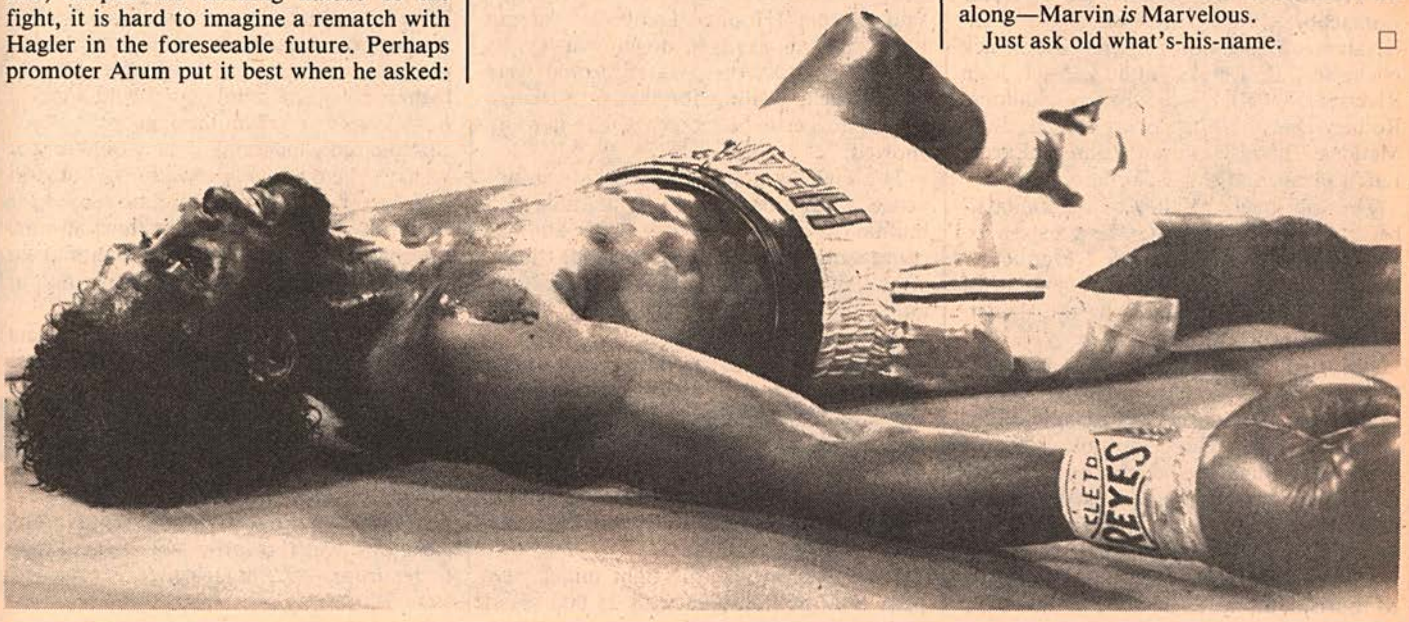
One fight you won't be seeing is Hagler and Michael Spinks. Marvin has no desire to move up in weight. He's always been a natural middleweight, and probably always will be.

"It's not in my vision to do something like that," explained Hagler, when asked if he had thoughts of capturing the 175-pound belt. "I've worked very hard to control the middleweights. And I don't see, after establishing control and showing that you're king of the mountain, just giving it up to move on. I'd like them to bring in any of those tough middleweights out there so I can beat Carlos Monzon's record and then think about hanging them up."

The Hagler-Hearns fight was very important, not only to the two contestants and their followers, but to boxing in general. The old racket needed a showcase fight, and this one delivered beyond expectations. It also did something quite unexpected. It made Hagler a star. His consummate performance against Hearns forced everyone to wake up to the fact that there was one helluva fighter in their midst. Now even the most obtuse observer realizes what Marvin and his fans have known all along—Marvin *is* Marvelous.

Just ask old what's-his-name. □

Hearns flat on his back, shows the effects of his war with Marvin Hagler.



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WHAT A PAYDAY!

HAGLER-HEARNS A BONANZA FOR LAS VEGAS ECONOMY

BY JACK WELSH

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—THERE HAVE been championship bouts dabbed with a golden brush of hype which didn't quite measure up. There were others, notably sleepers, which still pulsate in the memory of boxing's near-octogenarians. Yet the Sweet Science will be hard pressed to produce a fresh chapter to measure up both artistically and financially to the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns blockbuster.

Less than a year from now, the Internal Revenue Service will ponder some heavy figures from promoter Top Rank (all monies from closed-circuit television estimated at $19 million), the fighters ($5 million each, plus percentages), and Caesars Palace, not to mention a variety of concessionaires. It was a colossal event . . . a spectacular . . . a happening that transcended the sport.

It was also an evening when celebrities were out to be seen as well as to see. Chuck Hull's in-the-ring introductions sounded like *The Ring Record Book* come to life. On hand for the festivities were Muhammad Ali, Larry Holmes, Billy Conn, Jake LaMotta, Ken Norton, Jose Torres, Willie Pep, Livingstone Bramble, Ray Mancini, Donald Curry, Milton McCrory, Jimmy Paul, and Hector Camacho. From the world of entertainment and other sports were Jack Nicholson, Bo Derek, Tatum O'Neal, Joan Rivers, Don Rickles, Sylvester Stallone, Rodney Dangerfield, Robert Goulet, John Madden, David Hartman, John McEnroe, Laffit Picay, and Angel Cordero.

The sobriquet, "Valley of the Dollars" became a reality beyond the greatest expectations of the city fathers. Never before has Las Vegas received an economic thrust like the bonanza generated by the Hagler-Hearns showdown.

Assorted figures from the Las Vegas Convention Visitors Authority were sensational. For openers, area hotel-motel occupancy in Clark County was a previously unmatched 98 percent, though that figure was boosted a tad by 45,000 delegates of the National Broadcasters Association.

Rossie Ralenkotter, LVCVA's director of tourism, disclosed that $92 million cash-in-hand was spent during the four-day weekend culminated by the championship fight. The direct economic impact on the city coffers was more than $276 million.

"This is an incredible figure, and it does not include money bet on the fight, or played in the casinos," said Ralenkotter. These figures include money spent for food, rooms, beverages, entertainment, souvenirs, transportation, and other miscellaneous items."

Betting-wise, Hagler-Hearns enabled the Nevada sports books to hang a new all-time record which should stand for some time to come. Although actual figures have not been revealed, professional gamers' educated estimate is upwards of $18 million wagered in Las Vegas and Reno-Lake Tahoe betting parlors. To a man, the sports book operators acknowledge that Hagler-Hearns "far surpassed" the revenue from the Sugar Ray Leonard-Hearns match held here in 1981, and the Holmes-Cooney bout the following year.

Hagler opened as a 7-5 favorite when the fight was first announced, and although Hearns money closed the gap, Hagler still would up the favorite by about the same margin when all bets were finally laid.

"On the day of the fight, for every five tickets we wrote, four were on Hagler," said Herbie (Hoops) Lambeck, veteran linemaker at Leroy's downtown sports book. "I guess the Hagler people were laying back, waiting for that late Hearns money to get a better price, but it never showed."

The Fight was sold out a month in advance after Caesars paid Top Rank $4.5 million to retain the live gate and all concessions. However, the quest for "live" seats continued right up until fight time along the Strip, where gaggles of buyers waved signs, "I need tickets."

Many would-be spectators questioned Caesars judgment in not erecting a larger arena. A crowd of 29,214 watched Holmes shell Cooney, and 23,306 saw Leonard hand Hearns the only other loss of his career. Bob Halloran, corporate sports director for Caesars, defended the mini-arena, saying:

"We were aware this fight might have been a $7 million gate with 25,000 seats, but with 15,088 seats, there wasn't a bad one in the house. When we set the $100 to $600 range, we felt everybody deserved a good seat. The very worst seat was only 55 yards away from the ring. For Holmes-Cooney and other fights, people with $100 seats still needed binoculars to have any idea what was going on. We didn't want to repeat with Hagler-Hearns. The live gate was not as important to Caesars as the high-roller clientele this fight brought to town."

According to the Nevada State Athletic Commission's report, Hagler's third round victory was watched live by 15,141 spectators, creating a gate of $4,589,400.

"Paid admissions were 12,241 with 2,900 'comp' tickets," said Harold Buck, NSAC executive secretary. "Caesars paid a four-percent casino tax on 2,345 tickets. Caesars' closed-circuit gate was $128,760, from a crowd of 4,189.

"Top Rank also sold 2,480 seats in a special area to the broadcasters convention for a token $1 each. Downtown there were 2,575 patrons paying $75,130 for TV viewing at the Union Plaza hotel-casino. Up at Lake Tahoe, Caesars gate was $49,910 with 2,515 people. In Reno, 2,406 fans paid $56,875."

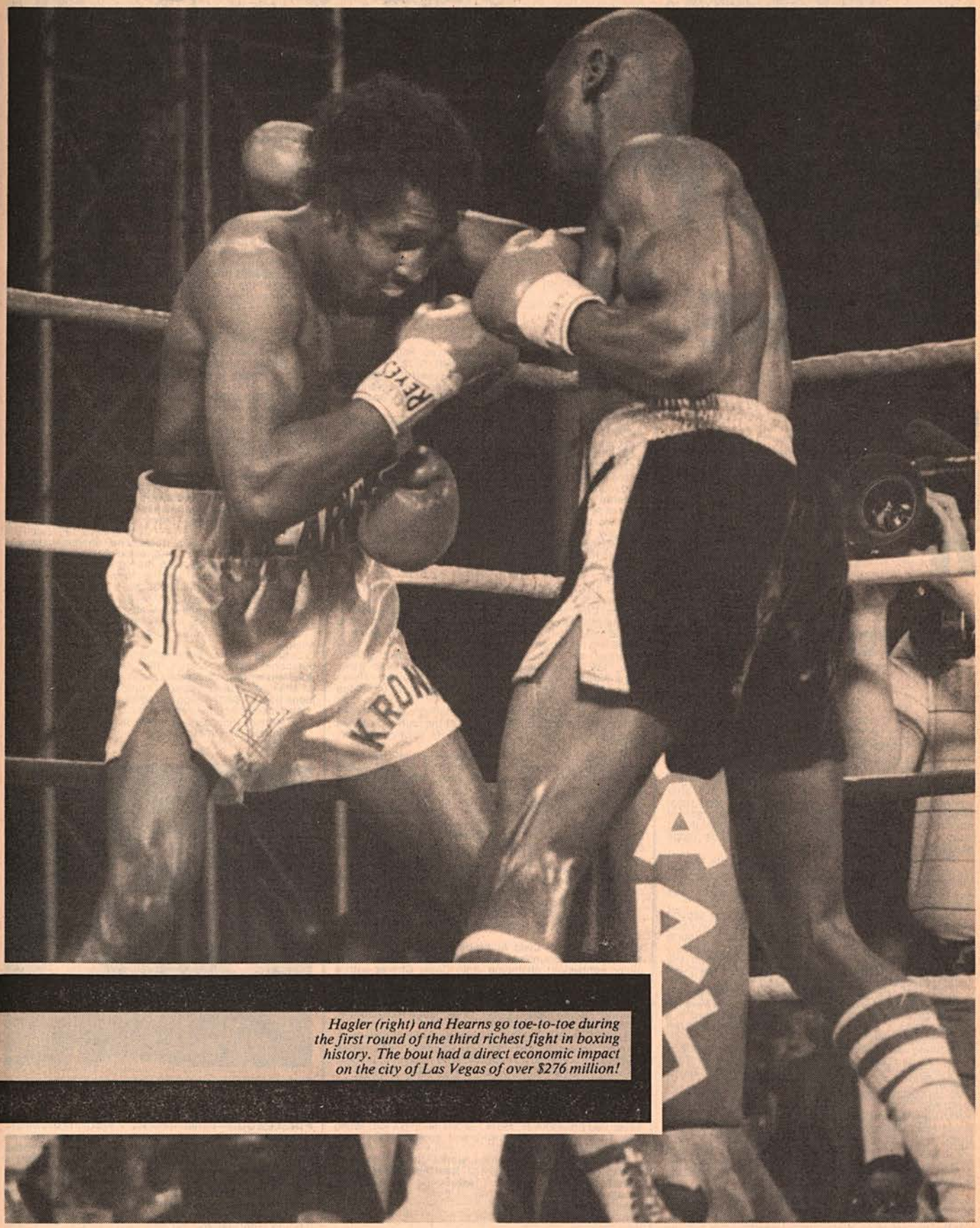
However, the above are just the stats for Nevada's gambling meccas. Nation-wide, the pay-per-view telecast achieved about 20 percent saturation of available homes, highest ever for a fight.

"We had a 1.2 million people at our closed-circuit locations," said Bob Arum. "That's below our projections, but still No. 2 to the 1.6 million all-time record for Ali-Frazier. This fight ranks third all-time in gross income with about $20 million, a shade below Holmes-Cooney ($22 million) and Leonard-Hearns ($20.5 million)."

Caesars official concessionaires estimate upward of $200,000 in sales of beverages, food, posters, T-shirts, jackets, and other memorabilia.

Although practically everybody made money, there was one beef from a beer vendor which was most appropriate.

"Hagler didn't do us any favors. The fight was over too early. Nobody had time to get drunk—except Hearns. □



Hagler (right) and Hearns go toe-to-toe during the first round of the third richest fight in boxing history. The bout had a direct economic impact on the city of Las Vegas of over $276 million!

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

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CALIFORNIA

►**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Fernando Reyes, 129, San Diego, will have to consider his future in boxing after he was halted at the end of six rounds by first time winner Rafael Gudino, 130, Santa Maria, in a scheduled eight. Referee Lou Filippo stopped the fight in the interval after conferring with ringside physician Dr. Joel Moncivais. Reyes' right eye was completely closed. Gudino scored the only knockdown late in the third. Scoring through six: referee Filippo, 59-54; judge Robert Byrd, 59-54; judge Kenny Davis, 59-56, all for Gudino.

Tim Williams, 165, San Diego, easily won his second professional fight as he kayoed debuting Gustavo Villalobos, 167½, Los Angeles, in 2:47 of the first round in a scheduled five. The tall, unorthodox Villalobos was floored twice. Davis, referee.

Douglas Laws, 160, Los Angeles, also won his second straight as a pro when he was awarded a technical win over Frank Martinez, 159, Los Angeles, at 0:24 of the fourth round in a scheduled five. Laws was clearly outpointing a spoiling awkward opponent, flooring his man in the second, until a Martinez head butt opened a nasty cut along the length of his left eyebrow. Byrd, referee.

Jorge Lua, 141, Los Angeles, looked surprisingly improved in knocking out previously unbeaten Lawrence Caver, 140, Los Angeles, in just 1:10 of the first round in a scheduled four. Short inside punches put Caver down twice. Bryd, referee.

Debuting Walter Gant, 200, Los Angeles, flattened Chris Sims, 197, San Diego, with a single right to the side of the head in 2:05 of the third round in a scheduled four. Davis, referee.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
(03-01-85)

►**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Irleis (Cubanito) Perez, 136½, Santa Ana, destroyed Rosendo (Rocky) Alonso, 137, San Diego, in 2:45 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Perez (29-1), whose promising career has often been interrupted by injury, was too big, strong, quick, and talented for trier Alonso. Three knockdowns in the third round forced the stoppage. Chuck Hassett, referee.

Joe Ruelas, 132, Santa Ana, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Ubaldo Ramirez, 132, Los Angeles, eight. The short Ramirez showed plenty of courage but the constant punches of Ruelas (14-2) closed his left eye and bloodied his right. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 80-71; judge Pat Connolly, 80-71; judge Hassett, 79-72.

Olympic trials runner-up David Gutierrez, 146, San Diego, stopped outclassed J.D. Williams, 144, Oceanside, at 1:37 of the third round in a scheduled four. Connolly, referee.

Golden Gloves champ Avery Rawls, 208, Los Angeles, knocked out Perris Flowers, 208, Oceanside, in 2:54 of the first round in their scheduled four. Filippo, referee.

Greg Puente, 132, Alhambra, made it an unhappy debut for Steve Matta, 133, Los Angeles. Matta was down twice before being rescued by referee Connolly at 0:50 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Martin Escobar, 130, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Alfredo Guerrero, 131, Los Angeles, four. Debuting Guerrero tired badly after the second. Scoring: referee Connolly, 39-37; judge Hassett, 40-37; judge Filippo, 39-37.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
(03-11-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Herman Montes, 152¾, Los Angeles, kayoed Pipino Cuevas, 155, Mexico City, referee Dr. James Jen-Kin counting out Cuevas in 2:08 of the third of a scheduled 10. The loss should send the former WBA welterweight champion into permanent retirement.

Former world title challenger Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 135, Guadalajara, unanimously outpointed game Frank Newton, 133, Oklahoma City, 10. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 98-92; judge Vince Delgado, 98-93; judge Marty Denkin, 99-91.

Jorge Ramirez, 123, Los Angeles, halted capable Ruben Solorio, 122¼, Los Angeles, at 2:26 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Ramirez was always in control. Denkin, referee.

The best fight of the night was a six between once-beaten Carlos Manzano, 119¾, San Pedro, and Tadashi Maruo, 119, Tokyo, won unanimously by Manzano. Maruo was floored in the second and saved by the bell in the fourth. Manzano was down in the third. Scoring: referee Delgado, 58-56; judge Thomas, 59-57; judge Denkin, 58-56.

Rogelio Juarez, 135, Tijuana, unanimously outpointed Craig Beardsley, 133, Los Angeles, over four one-sided rounds. Beardsley was down twice in the first. Delgado, referee.

Unbeaten Sammy Mejias, 125½, Los Angeles, floored and stopped Manuel Cordova, 125¼, Albuquerque, in 2:11 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(03-07-85)

►**BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium**—Manny Hernandez, 140, Oakland, rebounded from a bad knockout loss to WBC junior lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez with a hard fought unanimous 10-round decision over Flavio Pando, 142, San Jose. Pando was cut, but the faster Hernandez also showed the marks of a punishing battle. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 97-94; judge Rudy Jordan, 97-94; judge Dick Young, 99-91.

Gerald Issack, 125¾, Pasadena, unanimously outpointed Gabriel Ahmad, 128, Los Angeles, eight. Issack fought poorly against an inexperienced three-bout pro who showed little inclination to fight back. Jordan, referee.

Mike Basinger, 135¾, Paso Robles, was a shutout four-round winner over defensive minded Marcos Juarez, 136, San Diego. Denkin, referee.

Ondrade Williams, 161, Los Angeles, unanimously outscored Ernie Olivas, 155¼, Bakersfield, in a four-round war. They traded knockdowns and couldn't miss each other. Jordan, referee.

Virgil Aaron, 184, Inglewood, won a close unanimous verdict over Curtis Starling, 182, San Diego, four. Aaron boxed confidently in the first two rounds but nearly lost his advantage in the second half.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Bill Manders, ring announcer.
(03-12-85)

►**SAN DIEGO—Palisades Gardens**—Local favorite Martin Morado, 136, San Diego, looked very unimpressive in winning a 10-round majority decision over journeyman James Sowell, 136¼, Los Angeles. Morado built a big early lead, but Sowell rallied from the seventh to make it close. Scoring: referee Frank Rustich, 96-96; judge Pat Russell, 98-95; judge Hal Rickards, 97-94.

Two knockdowns were the difference in a six-round unanimous victory by Mike Randle, 174, San Diego, over comebacking Glenn Kennedy, 172½, Los Angeles. Kennedy, a good boxer with a fragile chin, was floored and clearly behind after three. He won the fourth and the fifth and was dominating the sixth when he was sent to the canvas with only 0:15 remaining. Scoring: referee Russell, 57-56; judge Rustich, 58-55; judge Rickards, 58-56.

Unbeaten Gary Williams, 146½, Pomona, kayoed useful Rafael Espinosa, 147, San Diego, with a left to the body, referee Rustich counting out Espinosa at 1:37 of the second in a scheduled six.

Tony Holguin, 147, El Monte, turned pro with a four-round majority win over Mike Galarza, 147½, Santa Maria. Holguin opened promisingly, but Galarza was in command for most of the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Russell, 40-38; judge Rustich, 39-37; judge Rickards, 38-38.

Richie Lira, 124, El Monte, battered Rick Soto, 122, San Diego, to defeat in 1:41 of the first round in a scheduled four, flooring him twice. A hand injury had kept Lira inactive for 20 months. Rustich, referee.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Danny Millsap, ring announcer.
(03-14-85)

►**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Lorenzo Rodriguez, 130, Riverside, won a clear unanimous decision over much more experienced Joe Perez, 129¼, Los Angeles, eight. Perez had a good sixth round, but after the second Rodriguez (6-3) was generally too busy. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 77-75; judge Marty Denkin, 78-75; judge Lou Moret, 79-73.

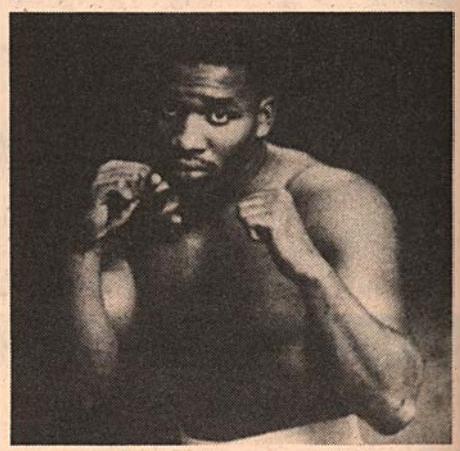
Andre Williams, 159½, Los Angeles, flattened Frank White, 154¾, Pasadena, in 2:31 of the third round in a scheduled five. White outboxed Williams (3-1-1) for two and a half rounds, but ultimately it was Williams' superior strength and punching power that paid off. Denkin, referee.

Art Lizarraga, 142, San Bernardino, unanimously outpointed aggressive and determined Otis Rodgers, 146, Pomona, four. Lizarraga won the fight with a final round knockdown. Scoring: referee Denkin, 39-37; judge Rozadilla, 38-37; judge Moret, 39-36.

Albert Montenegro, 140¾, La Puente, started his pro career with a four-round draw against Martin Contreras, 144, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Moret, 38-38; judge Denkin, 39-37, Contreras; judge Rozadilla, 39-38, Montenegro.

Debuting Adam Orozco, 157, Chino, unanimously outscored Juan Calderon, 163, San Bernardino, in an entertaining four. Calderon was returning to the ring after an absence of three years. Scoring: referee Moret, 40-37; judge Denkin, 39-37; judge Rozadilla, 39-38.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Daniel Valles, ring announcer.
(03-15-85)



Former WBC heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon struggled to stop inexperienced Mark Wills in Inglewood.

►**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Former WBC heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon, 230, Philadelphia, had an unexpectedly tough struggle before stopping courageous Mark Wills, 215, Los Angeles, at 1:13 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Witherspoon scored the only knockdown late in the first, but the more motivated Wills bounced up to take the fight to the well-known contender. Wills, who has won only five of his 10 fights, was even ahead on one card when he ran out of energy in the ninth. Scoring through eight: referee Pat Connolly, 76-75, Witherspoon;

judge Gwen Farrell, 77-75, Wills; judge Larry Rozadilla, 78-74, Witherspoon.

Prince Mamah Mohammed, 177½, North Hollywood, retained his Forum cruiserweight title with a technical draw at 0:25 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12 over Marcos Geraldo, 178, Guaymas, Mexico. Mohammed was ahead on points when Geraldo was cut over the right eye by an accidental head butt.

Jack Padia, 158, Penngrove, was very impressive in winning a near shutout unanimous decision over Billy Robertson, 159, Inglewood, 10. Robertson (9-4) had no answer to Padia's hand speed and spent most of the fight in a defensive shell. It was Padia's 16th straight victory. Scoring: referee Connolly, 99-91; judge Rozadilla, 99-90; judge Farrell, 99-93.

Unbeaten Terry Claybon, 130¾, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Jose Tarango, 129½, Pacoima, six. Two of Claybon's three pro wins have come at the expense of Tarango.

Ruben Blackwell, 156¼, Los Angeles, unanimously outscored Frank Martinez, 159, Los Angeles, four. They had previously fought to a draw. This time, Blackwell was always in front of a sluggish Martinez.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(03-25-85)

►**RESEDA—Country Club**—Michael Nunn, 161½, Sherman Oaks, kayoed totally outclassed Robert Jackson, 162, Los Angeles, referee Kenny Davis counting out Jackson at 1:22 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Jackson was also floored just 0:25 into the fight. Nunn has scored three straight inside the distance wins.

Randy Ortega, 120, Canoga Park, won by majority decision over game Juvenal Molina, 119, Los Angeles, in a thrilling five. It was toe-to-toe all the way with Ortega's higher punch rate correctly rewarded. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 48-48; judge Tony Guitron, 49-46; judge Davis, 49-48.

Lewis Hightower, 180, Anaheim, was behind on points when he knocked out Curtis Starling, 180, San Diego, in 2:17 of the fourth round in a scheduled five.

Hard punching John Russell, 142½, Sherman Oaks, made a successful California debut when he halted Hector Martinon, 140, Los Angeles, in 2:15 of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee Guitron stepped in after Martinon had been floored by a right.

Debuting Manny Olivas, 119, Canoga Park, won a majority decision over Ralph Gutierrez, 119½, Los Angeles, in an entertaining four. Gutierrez came on strong in the final two rounds after being pressured and dropped twice in the first half. Scoring: referee Delgado, 37-37; judge Guitron, 39-35; judge Davis, 39-36.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(03-26-85)

►**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Unbeaten Richard Aguirre, 145, San Diego, unanimously outpointed durable Jaime Castorena, 148, San Diego, eight, not losing a round. Scoring: referee Pat Russell, 80-74; judge Frank Rustich, 80-73; judge Hal Rickards, 80-72.

Late substitute Frank Fazio, 128, Mountain View, took a hard fought unanimous points win over Raul Corona, 122, Chula Vista, in an excellent six. The unbeaten Fazio floored Corona in the second. Scoring: referee Rustich, 58-55; judge Russell, 59-55; judge Rickards, 59-55.

Unbeaten Alex Madrid, 124, San Diego, struggled to a majority win over smart boxing Ralph Gutierrez, 121, Los Angeles, six. Madrid could not solve the style of tall and elusive teenager until the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Rustich, 57-57; judge Rickards, 59-56; judge Russell, 59-56.

Sal Trujillo, 160, Vista, floored and stopped debuting Alvin Arnold, 158½, Los Angeles, in just 0:46 of the first round in a scheduled four. Russell, referee.

Southpaw Tony Deluca, 111, San Diego, won a disputed split decision over trier Alberto Garcia, 114, Los Angeles, four. Scoring: referee Rustich, 38-37, Deluca; judge Russell, 38-37, Deluca; judge Rickards, 39-38, Garcia.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Elson Irwin, ring announcer.
(03-28-85)

►**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Dino Ramirez, 130, La Puente, knocked out Miguel Rodela, 128, Los Angeles, with a short right to the jaw in 2:22 of the first round in a scheduled eight. John Thomas, referee.

Crowd pleaser Gustavo Lopez, 130, Temple City, coming back after a defeat to Ramirez last time out in a real war, unanimously outpointed somewhat shopworn Gerry Issack, 126¾, Pasadena, in a terrific action-packed eight that again drew a big shower of coins. Issack absorbed a terrible body beating in the first half only to come back with his better boxing from the fifth to make it close. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 77-75; judge Rudy Jordan, 77-74; judge Thomas, 76-75.

Olympic trials finalist David Gutierrez, 146½, San Diego, was pushed to his limits by tall Emilio Barrera, 148, Commerce, before winning unanimously in an extremely competitive and always entertaining six. The outcome was in doubt until the final round, won by Gutierrez (now 6-0), but his margin of victory came when he floored Barrera (2-1) late in the first. Scoring: referee Jordan, 58-57; judge Thomas, 59-57; judge Byrd, 57-56.

Unbeaten Mike Basinger, 132¾, Paso Robles, impressively out thought and out fought stocky and aggressive Greg Ortega, 132, West Covina, winning unanimously in a very good four. Basinger's hard left always caught Ortega on the way in, although it was a right that put the debuting Ortega on the seat of his pants in the first. Scoring: referee Jordan, 39-36; judge Byrd, 40-35; judge Thomas, 39-36.

Debuting Aurelio Velasquez, 150, Los Angeles, won a majority decision over defensive-minded Carlos Jason, 150, Los Angeles, in a tame four-round opener. Scoring: referee Jordan, 39-37; judge Byrd, 38-38; judge Thomas, 39-37.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Daniel Valles, ring announcer.
(03-29-85)

►**SAN DIEGO—Palisades Gardens**—California super bantamweight champion Ricardo Varela, 125, Los Angeles, boxed well to unanimously outpoint newcomer Angel Valle, 126, Los Angeles, in a non-title 10. Varela had been inactive for 18 months due to managerial problems. The fight was interesting but never exciting as the 19-year-old Valle generally fought outside and on the defensive. Scoring: referee Frank Rustich, 99-93; judge Pat Russell, 97-95; judge Hal Rickards, 100-92.

Unbeaten David Gutierrez, 146, San Diego, TKO'd experienced Ricardo Lomeli, 143¾, Tijuana, at 1:50 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Lomeli was down in the third and well behind on points but could have continued. Russell, referee.

Hard-hitting Tim Williams, 165, San Diego, stopped Jose (Rocky) Cebreros, 159½, Mexicali, at 1:26 of the third round in a scheduled five. It was competitive until a right dropped the Mexican southpaw early in the third. Russell, referee.

Javier Tamayo, 127, San Diego, unanimously outpointed very brave Heriberto Chavez, 128, Tijuana, six, not losing a round. Russell, referee.

Richard Lira, 124, El Monte, knocked out mismatched southpaw Manuel Armenta, 126½, Tijuana, in 2:41 of the third round in a scheduled four. Armenta was floored three times. Russell, referee.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Danny Millsap, ring announcer.
Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
(04-11-85)

►**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Popular Gustavo Lopez, 128, Los Angeles, came on strong in the final three rounds to win by majority decision over equally game Gerardo Patino, 128, Redondo Beach, in a thrilling eight. For the third time in three fights at this arena, Lopez and his opponent were rewarded with a large shower of coins. Two officials (referee John Thomas, 79-75, and judge Marty Denkin, 78-74) felt that the punches of Lopez were more effective. *The Ring* agreed with judge Dr. James Jen-Kin (76-76), who credited Patino's aggressiveness and early rounds punch-rate.

Joe Perez, 129, Los Angeles, scored a rare victory, and his first inside the distance, in 29 fights with an injury win at the end of three rounds of a scheduled eight over Dino Ramirez, 129, La Puente. Amateur star Ramirez had a three-fight winning run ended by a cut on his left eyelid which later required stitches. Ramirez had done all the work and was well ahead on points. Denkin, referee.

Frank Martinez, 159½, Los Angeles, and Tito Campos, 159, Los Angeles, fought to a technical draw when Martinez was cut over the left eye by an unintentional head butt in 1:38 of the first round in a scheduled four. Jen-Kin, referee.

German Guillen, 126, Los Angeles, unanimously outscored fellow debutant Joe Diaz, 128, Pomona, over four one-sided but action packed rounds which drew a small shower of money from ringsiders. Jen-Kin, referee.

Martin Cardenas, 141, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed winless trier Otis Rodgers, 145, Pomona, in a good four. Rodgers was floored in the first, but scored well in the second. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 40-36; judge Denkin, 39-36; judge Thomas, 38-37.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Daniel Valles, ring announcer.
(04-12-85)

DEAN LOHUIS

INDIANA

►**HAMMOND—Civic Center**—Before a "wild and crazy" SRO crowd, a bout billed for the Midwest Middleweight Championship saw Mike (Choir Boy) Landini, 161, Calumet City, Illinois, jab his way to a 10-round split decision over Carlos (The Force) Tite, 161, Hammond.

Landini started fast, piling up points with a flicking jab and retreating just out of the way of Tite's roundhouse punches. Starting in round seven, with both combatants bleeding and swollen, Carlos started landing more blows and the "Choir Boy" seemed to slow down.

The final stanza saw a fading Landini get a "second wind" and use his reliable jab effectively enough to win the round and insure the victory.

This very good bout had the overflow crowd at a fever pitch during and after the brawl.

Judge Gary Merritt gave Landini the nod, 96-95. Referee Sean Curtain agreed with a score of 98-95. Judge John Taylor favored Tite, 98-97.

A severely cut John Collins, 162¼, Chicago, TKO'd Clint Longmaier, 163½, Youngstown, Ohio, at 2:58 of round two.

Lenny LaPaglia, 163, Melrose Park, Illinois, outclassed Tom Huston, 163½, Columbus, Ohio, with a K.O. at 2:18 of the opening round.

Ramzi Hasson, 176¼, Chicago, pounded out a lopsided eight-round decision over game Al Rankin, 175½, Junction City, Kansas.

Dwight Pratchett, 128½, TKO'd Tom Elston, 124, at 2:00 of round seven.

Ed Smith, 177½, Gary, won a four-round decision over John Cox, 178½, Chicago.

In a junior middleweight contest, Avery Madgett of Chicago won by TKO when Crystal Clayton failed to answer the bell for the sixth and final round.

Promoters—Dexter Tite, Cedric Kushner.
Referees—Sean Curtain, George DeFabis.
Judges—John Taylor, Gary Merritt.
Timekeepers—Ellie DeFabis, Jack Callahan.
Attendance—6,000 (est.). Gross—$90,000.
(03-22-85)

GARY L. MERRITT

MICHIGAN

►**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—A Michigan Light Heavyweight Championship and two NABF Champions topped this very good nine-bout card put together by matchmaker Ross Barber. Former Kronk star Mickey Goodwin, 174¼, of Melvindale, returned to top the card and defend his Michigan light heavyweight title against local favorite Arthel (Bam Bam) Lawhorne, 173, Detroit. Goodwin, now based out of New York, had a real war on his hands and had to come from behind to sweep the closing rounds and pull out a 10-round majority draw. Two judges saw the fight 95-95 with the third favoring Goodwin 97-94. Goodwin is now 33-1-1 and Lawhorne is 9-7-1.

NABF super welterweight champion David Braxton, 156, Detroit, is biding his time and waiting for a future matchup with WBA junior middleweight champ Mike McCallum, another former member of the Kronk Boxing Team. In the meantime he kept sharp with a stoppage at 1:37 of the 5th round over Darryl (Little Train) Penn, 155, of Portland, Oregon.

NABF featherweight champion Jackie Beard, 132, Detroit, was another champ fighting a rematch. Beard had won a 10 round decision over Paul Graham, 132, Gary, last month in Chicago, but did not like the idea that he had looked so bad doing so. Before his local fans he looked much better, battering Graham around the ring until referee Marv McDonald stopped the contest at 2:39 of the sixth round.

Detroit heavyweight Dion Simpson, 212, tuned up for his big showdown in two weeks with Bay City's David Jaco, by stopping a very game, but outclassed, Trent Singleton, 205, Chicago, at 1:44 of the 5th canto with a right-left-right combo.

Impressive Jesse Benavides, 122, now out of Detroit and fighting on the Kronk Team, made it 3-0 as a pro with a 3 round kayo at the 2:15 mark. The referee did not call the three knockdown rule in the second and Marv McDonald allowed the fight to continue. Southpaw Benavides thought little of it and put Bobby Adams, 121, of Columbus, Ohio, down three more times in the third to insure it.

Light heavyweight Anthony (Sweet) Willis, Chicago, went to 3-0 with a 6 round decision over Vernon (Bad News) Bridges, 193, Detroit. Bridges slips to 4-11-1.

Gary Martin, 134, Detroit, had little problem moving to 3-0 himself as he put Henry Murchinson, 139, Chicago, down twice enroute to an opening round stoppage at the 2:20 mark.

In a very good four rounder, debuting Courtney Hooper, 142, Detroit, swept a decision over Harold Kimbro, 143, of Canton, by scores of 40-36 on all cards.

Joe Johnson, 141, Detroit, stretched his win streak to seven with a knockout at the 0:20 mark of the second stanza over Donald Averyhart.

Promoter—Gold Circle Productions.
Matchmaker—Ross Barber.
Judges—Chuck McHenry, Tom Doran, and Tony Rutland.
Referees—Sam Williams and Mary McDonald.
Attendance—3,853.
(01-31-85)

►**ANN ARBOR—Michigan Theater**—When Bernard (Superbad) Mays, the Detroit middleweight got sick and had to pull out of the main event, local star Derrick McGuire moved up to the main event status. McGuire, 131, Ann Arbor, got back on the winning track with a unanimous 10-round decision over Troy Townsend, 127, Milwaukee. McGuire dominated the fight throughout, moving to 11-1 and announcing that he would be participating in the ESPN junior lightweight tournament later this year.

The semi-final saw Shawn Thomas, 132½, Detroit, going to 13-1 with a one-sided pounding of Jimmy Jones, 130½, Columbus, Ohio. Thomas went all out throughout the eight rounds, trying to knockout Jones in this rematch of a previous meeting. But the gutsy Jones hung in there, dropping an 80-72 decision on all judges scorecards.

The remainder of the seven bout card was made up of 4 rounders that were well paired. Hard hitting Mike Johnson, 141, Ann Arbor, scored the only stoppage of the night when he used a right-left combo to put Dwayne Galloway, 142, Columbus, down for the count at 2:12 of the second canto. Johnson is now 4-0.

A couple surprising draws popped up when Dave Diener, 157, of Flint, pressed the fight the whole way against a favored Karl Vinson, 165, Detroit, scoring a four-round

draw. Some even felt that Diener may have actually won the fight. Diener is now 2-3-1 and Vinson is 2-1-1. Another four-round draw pitted 6'3" tall Leonard Brandon, 193½, Flint, against Booker T. Ward, 177, Ann Arbor, who was only 5'7" tall. The debuting Ward attacked like a very muscular bowling ball aginst the 8" taller and 16½ lb heavier Brandon.

Debuting Anthony Jones, 136¾, Detroit, dominated his contest over Roy Huntley, 141, Milwaukee, taking every round. A good fight.

Cruiserweight action had Jeff Thompson, 182, Detroit, moving to 3-0 as a pro with a four round decision over James Wilder, 180, Milwaukee. Thompson scored 40-36, 40-36, and 40-34 on the judge's scorecard.

Promoter—Ann Arbor Boxing Club.

Judges—Sue Denton, Chris Barclay, Christine Montague.

Referee—Frank Barbarich.

Ring announcer—George Young.

Attendance—200 approx.

(02-08-85)

►**PORT HURON—McMoran Arena**—Heavyweights clashed in the headlining bout of this seven fight card as two veterans of Toughman Contests came head-to-head. Undefeated Detroiter Dion Simpson, 220, continued his unbeaten streak, extending it to 17 in a row by stopping Dave Jaco, 210, Bay City, at 2:52 of the third stanza.

After a swarming second round by Jaco, it was Simpson that turned the tables in the third. A long overhand, and overhead, right hand that started from near the floor and looped over the 6' Simpson's head came crashing down on the jaw of the 6'6" Jaco and drove him into the canvas. For all intents and purposes the fight was over at that point. Jaco, 18-3, arose but was buried under a flurry. Referee Bob Watson stopped the contest.

In a featured bout on the card USBA super middleweight champion Murray Sutherland, 169, Bay City, had no trouble at all. He completely dominated Leonard Edwards, 166, Cleveland, and battered him around the ring for two rounds, opening a cut over Edward's left eye. The Ohio fighter did not come out for the third. Sutherland, who is hoping for a rematch with IBF champ Chong Pal Park, moves to 46-11-1.

Light heavyweight Ronnie Edwards, 181, Port Huron, turned pro with a two round knockout over Mike McKee, 173, Cleveland, putting him away with a good right hand at the 2:50 mark.

Best of the undercard fights had two debuting middleweights going toe-to-toe with Mark Stevens, 158, Detroit, scoring a tight decision over Al Laddie, 158, Bay City, four.

Heavyweight Lorenzo Cannady made it 2-0 as a pro with a one round TKO over Brian Knight, 204, Port Huron. The debuting Knight got into trouble and tried to prove his courage by sticking his chin out. An overhand right put him on his back and referee Hugh Smithers halted it at the 2:21 mark.

Lonnie Beasley, 139¼, Detroit, scored a TKO in two over Jake Smith, 140, Detroit, at 2:04.

Toughman Contest winner Paud Calnan, 193, Richmond, won his pro debut with a four-round decision over Bill Hollis, 183, Pontiac, who dropped to 5-26 as a professional.

The card was a well fought one throughout the night despite the overmatching of Leonard Edwards with the much more experienced Sutherland.

Promoter—Ardore Enterprises.

Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.

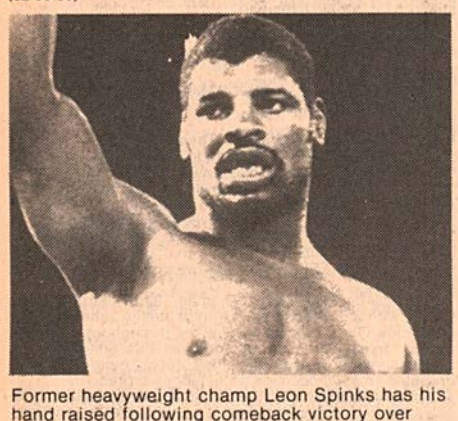
Judges—Sue Denton, Tom Briscoe, Tony Rutland.

Referees—Bob Watson and Hugh Smithers.

Ring Announcer—Joe Goldring.

Attendance—Approx. 3,000.

(02-09-85)



Former heavyweight champ Leon Spinks has his hand raised following comeback victory over Lupe Guerra.

►**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—This card was built around the return to the ring of former World Heavyweight Champion Leon Spinks, but it was the undercard that really made it an excellent card. Spinks had absolutely no trouble at all with Lupe Guerra, 189¾, who looked like he had no intention of getting hit by Spinks. Spinks, 196, Detroit, knocked down Guerra three times, winning a TKO at 0:43 of the fourth stanza. Spinks, 13-4-2, did not look all that sharp and Guerra should have sent a stand in.

Now with the only bad fight on the card out of the way, here are some of the good ones.

Keeping busy and starting to show some power in his punches to go with all his ability, NABF super welterweight champion David (Machinegun) Braxton, 156, Detroit, blasted out Jeff Nelson, 157¾, Miami, with a single right hand at 1:58 of the second canto.

Arthel Lawhorne, 10-7-1, Detroit, has seemed to have discovered new life under new manager Lane Combs, and since he has started working out with the Kronk team. He scored a solid eight-round decision over a tough Jaime Howe, 176, of Defiance, Ohio.

An outstanding contest featured two undefeated fighters with a surprise ending. Gary Martin, 134½, Detroit, won the opening round only to be put on the seat of his pants by Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan, 135½, St. Louis, in the third. Martin refused to quit and came back to win the fourth and fifth, and was winning the sixth when Buchanan unloaded a right hand that threw Martin's head back over the ropes. A quick left and another hard right and referee Bob Watson leaped in to stop the fight. Buchanan became the victor with only nine seconds left in the fight. Martin is now 3-1, Yogi is 6-0-1.

Staying undefeated was Spencer (The Warrior) Chavis, 195, Dearborn Hgts, as he pounded out a six-round decision over Ray Safford, 187¾, St. Louis. Chavis controlled the fight and made it 15 in a row with scores of 60-54, 60-54, and 59-55. A good hard fight.

Tony Montgomery, 153, Detroit, scored a TKO in five when Collins Keller, 155¾, Youngstown, did not come out for the fifth round. Montgomery is now 9-0.

Greg (Candyman) Coverson, Detroit, won his second straight pro fight stopping a normally durable Zest Holmes of Detroit. Hooper, 141¼, showed some excellent power.

Steve Darnell, 161½, had no problem as the southpaw stopped Sidney White, 155, Ashtabula, putting him down twice, the final time for the count, at 1:59 of the opening round. Darnell is 3-0-1, White was debuting.

Promoter—Gold Circle Productions.

Matchmaker—Ross Barber.

Judges—Chip Acey, Ken Offet, and C. Barkley.

Referees—Bob Watson and Tom Briscoe.

Ring announcer—Jim Ingram.

Attendance—4,266.

(02-21-85)

►**KALAMAZOO—Hackett High School**—Michigan cruiserweight champion Curtis Isaac, 182, Kalamazoo, headlined an excellent club card that gave the Kalamazoo fans plenty of nonstop action. In a non-title bout he faced another local fighter in Oliver Lewis, 172, also of Kalamazoo, stopping him on a TKO at 2:30 of the third. A swarming attack led referee Max Harnish to step in and stop the fight. Isaac is now 11-3.

In a junior lightweight contest, Ronnie Byrd, Flint, got a shock in the opening round, having to get up off the canvas to battle back and stop James Jones, Columbus, at 2:53 of the second round. The undefeated Byrd moved to 8-0.

Bay City middleweight Al Laddie evened his record at 1-1 with a 4 round decision over Al Jones of Detroit. Laddie got off the deck in the first round too, to win the decision 38-37, 39-37, and 39-37 over Jones, also 1-1. This was considered to have been the best fight on the card.

In another middleweight bout, John McCullough (1-3), scored a minor upset in defeating a game and brawling Dave Diener (2-4-1), Flint, Michigan. McCullough of Bay City won with scores of 39-37, 40-36, and 39-37.

A close cruiserweight fight saw veteran Leonard Brandon (2-9-1), Flint, score a four-round majority decision over Rodney Craig (1-2), Detroit, in another upset. Brandon was favored 39-37, 39-38, and 39-39.

Rocky Cunningham, South Haven, made a successful supermiddleweight debut, opening a nasty cut below Steve Worline's, Mattawan, left eye and pummeling him before the bout was stopped at 2:09 of the second. Worline was also making his pro debut.

Detroiter Johnny Glover stayed undefeated in his lightweight career stopping fellow Detroiter Keith Baker at 2:59 into the third round. Glover (1-0-1) put Baker down 2 times in the final round.

Detroit light heavyweight Vince Hopper went to 4-0 with an opening canto stoppage of Joe Garcia of Milwaukee.

Promoter—Bill and Deana Greve.

Matchmaker—Joe Byrd.

Judges—Patrick McGuire, Sue Denton, Ralph Carnegie.

Referee—Max Harnish.

Attendance—1,500.

(03-23-85)

►**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—It will be a long time before the 3,359 Detroit fans who attended Cobo Arena and saw the battle between NABF super welterweight champion David (Machinegun) Braxton and Reggie Miller stop talking about it.

Braxton, 156, Detroit, was keeping himself sharp while waiting for a crack at Mike McCallum's WBA world junior middleweight title. He looked every bit of a number-one contender, dominating the contest and winning a 10-round decision over Miller, 154, Lake Charles, Louisiana. As much as Braxton is a favorite in Detroit, it was Miller who was the story. He was leveled by a tremendous right hand at the close of the opening round, it looked like only a matter of time until the fight was over. The courage of Miller was unbelievable. He not only survived, but continued to fight back, non-stop, until the final bell.

Although outgunned by the stronger Braxton, Miller had the fans chanting "Reggie! Reggie!" His courage was remarkable, and he even started the 10th round out with a triple left jab. The contest ended with the fighters receiving a standing ovation for several minutes. Bob Fox of Brass Ring Productions donated $500 to the purse of Miller. The final scores of 100-89, 100-90, and 100-90 in favor of Braxton didn't tell the whole story. Braxton is now 33-1 and Miller drops to 17-3.

In the co-main event, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 191, New York, scored a seven-round disqualification over Oscar Holman, 198, New York. The former light heavyweight champion controlled the contest from the outset to move to 44-6-1. Holman dropped to 11-4-1 with the loss.

A good card-opener saw J. L. Ivey, 132¾, Detroit, score a well-fought eight-round decision over Leonard Church, 134, Cleveland. Ivey had Church down in the fifth. Church went down a second time in the sixth, but it was from a low blow and Ivey lost a point for the shot.

A solid right hand delivered by Keith Vining, 176¼, Detroit, put down Tony Curovic, 173½, Cleveland, and brought about the end of their contest at 2:31 into the second round. Vining improved to 9-2.

In a pro-debut mismatch, former amateur heavyweight star Craig Payne, 255, Livonia, used a heavy body attack to stop Cleveland Ingram, 194, Cleveland, at 2:46 of the second. Payne was reminiscent of Buster Mathis with his quick hands.

Picking himself up from a shock knockdown in the opening seconds of the contest, Steve Darnell, 159¼, Livonia, returned the favor in the second and stopped Larry (Flat Top) Petty, 152, Cleveland, at 2:29 of the second. The southpaw is now 4-0-1.

The curtain closer had Lionel Johnson, 135½, Detroit, winning a six-round decision over veteran Paul Graham, 135, Gary, Johnson (16-2-1) scored the only knockdown with a right hand in the fourth round.

Promoter—Gold Circle Productions.

Matchmaker—Ross Barber.

Judges—John Chaulk, Rose Grable, Randy Ericson.

Referees—Dale Grable and Sam Williams.

Ring announcer—George Young.

Attendance—3,359.

(03-21-85)

►**SAGINAW—Saginaw Civic Center**—In the main event of this Ardore card, Mike (The Giant) White, 255, Bay City, had no trouble stopping Earl Lewis, 210, Youngstown, at 0:55 of the fourth stanza of their scheduled 10. The taller and heavier White put Lewis down three times in winning his 13th victory against six losses and a draw. White had recently returned from South America where he played professional basketball for a season and looked fit and trim.

An upset occurred in an eight-round affair when Darryl Spain, 168, Cleveland, stopped local favorite Martin Pierce, 168, Bay City, at 0:35 of the sixth round. Pierce (11-2) was bleeding badly from the mouth and was way behind in the fight at the time of the stoppage.

"Chicken" George Brown, 156, Bay City, ran his record to 5-1 with a stoppage of previously undefeated Tony Hopkins, 156, Youngstown, at 2:50 into the opening canto. A short, but lively heavily banging contest. Hopkins drops to 4-1 with four knockouts.

Moving to his third straight win was Port Huron light heavyweight Ronnie Edwards, 176, who won a tough four-round decision over Bennie Sims, 175, Youngstown.

Kickboxer Russ Wilson, 160, Mt. Morris, made his professional boxing debut, scoring a tough six-round decision over a game Dave Diener, 157, Vassar. A good fight.

In a double debut, Raul Torres, 142, Cleveland, scored a four-round decision over Mike Fournier, 147, Saginaw, in a good contest.

Heavyweight Scott Lyndecker, 215, Omaha, won a TKO at 2:20 of the first when Carlton Jones, 210, Akron, was stopped on cuts.

John (Jon Jon) McCullough, 157, Bay City, finally found someone in the middleweight class smaller than himself and won via stoppage at the 1:35 mark of the second over Larry Byrd, 161, Kalamazoo. The win by Jon Jon raises him to 2-3 and the loss drops Byrd (not to be confused with the Larry Byrd in Florida) to 1-2.

Promoter—Ardore Enterprises.

Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.

(03-30-85)

DAVE HARTOON

NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Chris Calvin came a long way to win some new fans in his first appearance west of the Mississippi.

The 26-year-old Fighting Fireman from Nashville, Tenn., literally saved Top Rank's salute to ESPN's fifth year of network telecasting boxing when he scored a TKO victory over previously undefeated Brett Summers of Marysville, Wash., at 1:37 of the 10th and final round at the Showboat hotel-casino.

In what was originally planned as a triple main event of 10-rounders, only the Calvin-Summers matchup remained. Matchmaker Mel Greb's first headache arrived a week

earlier when Dio Colome of Bell, Calif., injured his right hand in training and had to withdraw from his bout with Eric (The Prince) Martin of San Francisco. The match was for ESPN's Western Regional welterweight crown which both fighters alternated wearing in 1984.

Another unexpected setback struck several hours before the Apr. 11 card when Terrence Alli of Newark, N.J. complained of "back spasms" prior to a lightweight 10-round bout with Charley (Choo Choo) Brown of Philadelphia and was forced to withdraw.

Despite his frustration in losing two-thirds of the card's top attractions, Greb found a new face in Calvin who will be welcomed back anytime in the immediate future.

Calvin, 135, not only ended Summers' run of 22 straight victories, but he did it by beating a solid puncher at his own game. Calvin, improving his record to 16-3-2, literally treated Summers, 136½, like a yo-yo before recording his 15th kayo. The Northwest boxer was down seven times officially, plus two that referee Joey Curtis missed.

The heavy hit parade began in the third round. Calvin knocked Summers into a full sommersault with a booming right early in the round. The Tennessee boxer hurt his man with a combination to the head and put him down again with a left hook. With seconds left in the round, Calvin dropped Summers to one knee with a right, but Curtis was out of position.

Calvin put Summers, who had scored 13 KOs, back on the deck in the fourth with a right to the jaw, but the latter remained upright through the next two rounds while bleeding from the nose. Calvin hurt his rival with right hands early in the seventh and dropped him with a right uppercut which also opened a cut over the left eye.

Summers survived the eighth, but Calvin put him back on the canvas in the ninth round with a left. In the final round, Calvin used the left, his best weapon, to drop Summers to one knee and then ended the bout with a right which left Summers holding his right eye on the canvas.

In the judging through nine rounds, Hal Miller had it 86-81; Paul Smith, 86-80, and Lou Tabat, 85-83, all for Calvin.

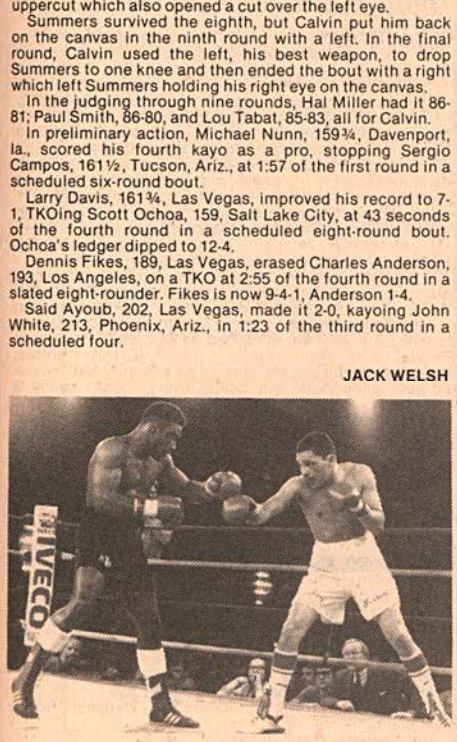
In preliminary action, Michael Nunn, 159¾, Davenport, Ia., scored his fourth kayo as a pro, stopping Sergio Campos, 161½, Tucson, Ariz., at 1:57 of the first round in a scheduled six-round bout.

Larry Davis, 161¾, Las Vegas, improved his record to 7-1, TKOing Scott Ochoa, 159, Salt Lake City, at 43 seconds of the fourth round in a scheduled eight-round bout. Ochoa's ledger dipped to 12-4.

Dennis Fikes, 189, Las Vegas, erased Charles Anderson, 193, Los Angeles, on a TKO at 2:55 of the fourth round in a slated eight-rounder. Fikes is now 9-4-1, Anderson 1-4.

Said Ayoub, 202, Las Vegas, made it 2-0, kayoing John White, 213, Phoenix, Ariz., in 1:23 of the third round in a scheduled four.

JACK WELSH



Junior Welters Mike Mungin (left) and Joey Ferrell size each other up during action-packed battle won by Ferrell via decision.
Photo by Pete Goldfield

►NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—In a checkered career, "Ray Ray" Gray has been variously known as "Flash" and "The Animal." He showed touches of both, and may have found a home as well, in winning the Eastern Regional of the ESPN middleweight tourney with a surprising demolition of Keith Adams.

In preliminary rounds, Adams had impressed. Gray hadn't, so Keither figured this would be his night. Gray ". . . surely has some defensive problems," Adams stated going in. "I plan to exploit those openings." But Grey, 156¼, Newark, smartly waited out the methodical boxer through the first, then unloaded a perfect right counter that blasted Adams, 157¾, Miami, to the canvas just short of the bell: Coming out for the second, "Ray Ray" showed no mercy, as a shell-shocked Adams was subjected to a relentless barrage without answer. Referee Randy Neumann finally rescued Keith, stopping the scheduled 10 at 2:08 of round two.

In an action-packed battle, darkhorse Joey Ferrell, 143½, Philadelphia, upset hot prospect Mike Mungin, 144¾, Mt. Royal, N.J. by unanimous decision, eight. After quick blastouts over prelim foes, the vaunted Mungin has begun to struggle against tougher opposition. Explosive punching in early rounds tends to be followed by arm-weariness and fumbling in the stretch, leaving the impression that Mike was about to be "taken." Ferrell didn't exactly "take" him, but did enough to capture three votes, as the action followed the expected pattern. Joey held his own in blistering exchanges early, leaving trainer Carmine Graziano to advise after only the third, "He's lost all power!" A bit premature, as Mungin took command in the mid rounds, dropping Ferrell with a left hook in the fifth. But Mike tired and began dropping his arms, as Joey roared down the stretch to edge out a close victory. Ted Pick refereed.

Iran Barkley, 160½, New York, finally got to reverse a loss he's been chasing for some time, TKOing Osley Silas, 161¾, Suitland, Md., at 2:25 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Silas was no match this time; he was dropped in the first, took a sound beating, then was floored twice more in the sixth. Ref, Neumann.

Sammy Fuentes, 137, Loiza, P.R., made his U.S. debut impressively, dishing out a ferocious beating to Jocko King, 136¼, Philadelphia, six. All Jocko managed was to remain upright, taking a standing eight in the fifth, while losing a unanimous verdict. Ref, Pick.

Larry McKeever, 135, New York, outboxed slugger Lou Palumbo, 138, Brooklyn, for a majority decision, six. Lou had McKeever in trouble, taking a standing eight in the fifth, but let him get away. Ref, Pick.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—700 (est.).
Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, Al DeVito, Lynne Carter.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(02-21-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—When an IBF junior middleweight title bout between Carlos Santos and Willie (The Rock) Harris fell out after Harris injured a knee, the promoters apparently decided they had to have a title . . . any title. They first landed Murray Sutherland in the initial defenseof his newly-won USBA super middleweight crown, then fished around for a challenger . . . any challenger. Matchmaker Ron Katz later admitted the USBA rules regarding what it takes to earn a title shot aren't so well-defined as those of world organizations. After pretender Robert Pew left him a bit red-faced, he probably wished they'd been a bit more strict.

Pew, out of Tampa, boasted a 14-1 record, but that was accumulated in poorly-regulated Florida rings. Until the very recent establishment of a state commission, only anything-goes city agencies watchdogged the sport. Consequently, the only name on Pew's log was the one who had beaten him, Leroy Hester. Sutherland, of Bay City, Michigan, who has frequently been used as cannon fodder, relished having an easy one for a change. Though the bout was largely a secret, with little press and no TV, Murray didn't seem to notice. Finally finding his niche at 168 (the weight for both fighters), after jumping between light heavy and middleweight, the champion claimed he sensed at the weigh-in that Pew was as nervous as a country boy in the big city. Asked if he did anything to add to the challenger's consternation, Murray grinned, "I'm too nice a guy for that."

No matter, styles had more to do with it than psyche. Pew, a strong but rough-hewn puncher, had the tendency to try to lean on the champion, which made him a sitting duck for Murray's ripping uppercuts. Slicing through Robert's crab defense like a rapier, a left uppercut had him in serious trouble in the very first round of the scheduled 12. In the second, Sutherland pinned the challenger on the ropes, where two more uppercuts dropped him. Pew struggled to his feet, then crumbled back to his knees—before arising again. Ref Larry Hazzard suprisingly let it go on. Sutherland floored Pew twice more with almost embarrassing ease before Hazzard stopped it at 2:28.

Flashy Georgie Navarro, 126¼, Vineland, was too sharp for crude Mark Parea, 126¼, Houston, who took a steady drubbing before ref Frank Cappuccino stopped the scheduled eight at 2:57 of the sixth.

Luis Rivera, 157¼, Camden, exploded to drop and kayo Richard Brent, 162, Brooklyn, at 2:01 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Ref, Cappuccino.

Vincent Boulware, 160, Harrisburg, Pa., via Houston, beat up game Greg Haley, 159, Mont Clare, Pa., who was floored and TKO'd at 2:27 of the third round in a scheduled four. Ref, Hazzard.

HBA East.
Attendance—700 (est.).
Judges—John Stewart, Charles Spina, Wm. Kostrub.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(03-01-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Myron Taylor, who seems to be making a career of tough losses, dropped anotherone when one of his best efforts fell just a shade short against Kenny Baysmore. Challenging for the USBA junior lightweight crown, Taylor, 129½, Philadelphia, lost a split decision to champion Baysmore, 128¾, Washington, D.C. in a great 12-rounder that had the press row ringing with controversy. The fact that Baysmore spent most of the night running like a thief, while the stolid Taylor (who had twice kayoed him in the amateurs) stalked after him, didn't help the champion's image with most observers. But while the challenger's punches were more solid, there weren't quite enough of them. Baysmore generally outboxed him, confused him with quick blitzes when he could trap Myron along the ropes, and often came down off his toes long enough to outspeed Taylor with a flurry—then pedal away.

But when Myron landed, he came close to undoing all of the vaunted champion's careful logistics with a few heavy barrages. In the fourth, Taylor penetrated long enough to rattle Baysmore with a left hook and bloody his nose. After being outmaneuvered for two more rounds, Myron got his chance again in the seventh. A sneak right over Kenny's lazy left buckled the champion's knees, forcing him to grab desperately. Myron shook him off, and Baysmore went to the floor for what appeared a knockdown; ref Tony Orlando ruled it was a push. A tiring champion held off the challenger for two more bristling rounds, then was finally dropped, though not hurt badly, in the 11th. With the bout on the line in the final round, Baysmore let go with everything, and had an arm-weary challenger nearly out on his feet. John Stewart scored for Taylor, 115-112, but was outvoted by Al DeVito, 116-113, and Thomas Kaczmarek, 115-113. Though he had nothing to be ashamed of, a disgruntled Taylor talked of retirement. Of his last-round trouble, he opined, "I don't think that made the difference. I figured they probably let the buy who they wanted to win. They will tell us that it was a critical round, but I think they were going to pick him to win anyway."

In a bruising 10, Tony Nelson, 174½, Braddock, Pa., took heavy punishment early, but came on to stagger Lionel Byarm, 176¼, Philadelphia, in the seventh, and pull out a close, unanimous win. Ref, Tony Perez.

In a wild battle, Dom Parris, 158¾, Philadelphia, outgunned Derrick Doughty, 154, Waterbury, Conn., dropping him for a TKO at 2:01 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Ref, Perez.

Marvin Garris, 135¼, Philadelphia, scored a repeat win over Art Crandall, 133½, Vineland, via majority decision, six. Garris again had his hands full, and was in trouble in the last round. Ref, Perez.

Joe Morrone, 166¼, Glenside, Pa., outmuscled Tony Freeman, 164, Chester, who dropped, exhausted, for a TKO at 0:45 of the third round in a scheduled four. Ref, Orlando.

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Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(03-04-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Late sub Robert Adams sometimes fights like he's in handcuffs, but can, on a given night, be a danger to the unwary. This time, he came to fight, but Tommy Ayers was ready for him. Adams, 156½, Philadelphia, came out firing in the first, and surprised Ayers, 150½, Cincinnati, with jolting left

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hooks. But Tommy traded with him in crackling exchanges, drilling Adams with a near perfect right in the third that should have separated him from his senses. Adams miraculously shook it off, but steadily faded thereafter—until it became a question of whether Ayers could achieve the difficult and stop the crafty veteran. Tommy succeeded in the seventh, when only the ropes held Robert up after a smashing right. Another right lifted Adams' left leg off the canvas, and ref Paul Venti stopped the scheduled 10 at 1:30. Some of the fans didn't approve, but Adams' reflexes were going, he was getting tagged harder, and the ref justly saved him from an unnecessary beating.

Ticket-seller John Freda, 170¾, Jersey City, got a yeoman effort from scrappy David McCluskey, 165¼, Birmingham, Ala., in an exciting brawl. Freda had to shake off some shots to drop McCluskey twice in the second, then pound him into exhaustion in a corner, where ref Joe O'Neil stopped it at 0:58 of the third round in a scheduled six.

In a wild and sloppy thriller, Egerton Foster, 200½, a former Olympian from Sierra Leone, Africa, now fighting out of Birmingham, got more than he wanted from Kevin (Champ) Denson, 185, Providence. Denson was down and nearly gone in the first, but came back to battle Egerton to near exhaustion before a clubbing right cost Denson a standing eight in the fourth and last round, preserving a unanimous win for Foster. Ref, Venti.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO. Gross—1,500 (est.).
Judges—Rocky Castellani, Milo Savage, Wm. Kostrub.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer—Ed Derian.

(03-05-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—For countless decades, fight fans have been boasting that their favorite "beat the shit out of" some hapless opponent. But the Felipe Montellano fans in attendance this night were actually treated to the figurative become literal. Montellano, 152, who is much improved under trainer Don Turner since migrating from Bakersfield, Calif., was shellecking Marlon Palmer, 152¾, Pottstown, Pa., in a scheduled six. After absorbing a particularly vicious body beating in the third, Marlon waddled to his corner with an embarrassing brown stain in the seat of his trunks. With a bloody mouth as well, the shameless Palmer came out for the fourth exuding from both ends. After Montellano applied another heavy dose of laxative, ref Larry Hazzard finally rescued the grossed-out ringsiders, stopping the enema at 2:08.

In the main event, Mark McPherson, 155, Lakeview, Long Island, scored a near shutout over Roberto Hernandez, 155¾, Lynn, Mass., 10. Hernandez, a skilled spoiler, usually does enough to make a bout interesting, if not exciting. But after being robbed against Earl Hargrove in Florida, he seemed to figure it wasn't worth the bother. With Roberto displaying almost no offense, McPherson did just enough to win nearly every round, taking a unanimous verdict in a dreary affair. Ref, Hazzard.

John Meekins, 140, New York, punched too hard for game Roger Brown, 137, Buffalo, who was rescued on his feet by ref Ted Pick at 2:09 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Alberto Quinones, 141, Brooklyn, scored a unanimous win over Tony Jackson, 137¾, Philadelphia, in a good, close six. Ref, Hazzard.

Developing Victor Claudio, 161¼, Santurce, P.R., blew out debuting Greg Priester, 157, Philadelphia, who took a standing eight, then a knockdown, for a TKO at 1:40 of the first round in a scheduled four. Ref, Pick.

In an exciting contest, a grinning Craig (Shining Star) Johnson, 133, Atlantic City, flashed a winning smile and beat Arnell (Little Red) Craig, 132¾, Philadelphia, via unanimous decision, four. Ref, Pick.

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Attendance—550 (est.).
Judges—Phil Newman, Lawrence Wallace, Rocky Castellani.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(03-07-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—Tim Broady came in as a last minute sub for recent conqueror Bobby Czyz, and made the most of it. Broady, 173½, Brooklyn, showed he's far from finished, despite the loss to Czyz, as he bounced back with a commanding demolition of game but outgunned Dave Todt, 169½, Hillcrest Heights, Md. Though tough, Todt doesn't seem to have the skills to take him above the club level. It was only a matter of time after Broady staggered him with a left hook in the first round. Tim didn't dally, blasting Dave to the floor with a whistling left hook in the second of a scheduled 10. Ref Ted Pick ruled it a kayo at 2:48 without bothering to count.

Grady (Thriller) Smith, 178¼, Philadelphia, showed a cautious but sharp boxing style, and some sneaky power, in solidly beating Dawud Shaw, 175¾, Chester, Pa., by unanimous decision, eight. Grady had Dawud in trouble in the sixth to remove all doubt. Rudy Battle refereed.

In a savage battle, Georgie Brooks, 142, Lancaster, Pa., slightly behind in the sixth and final round, opened up some blazing artillery to twice drop and kayo Pablo Rivera, 141½, Bronx, at 2:22. Ref, Battle.

Benny Torres, 136, Danbury, Conn., dished out a beating to Timmy (Holy) Moley, 136, Selden, Long Island, via unanimous verdict in a solid action six. Ref, Pick.

Wali Muhammad, 176, E. Orange, N.J., TKO'd a fragile Al Tobe, 176, Staten Island, at 2:36 of the fourth round in their

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scheduled six. The irresolute Tobe went down once in the third and twice more in the fourth. Ref, Battle.

Always tough to score, Billy Saunders, 175, Vineland, appeared lucky to get a split decision over Dersell Chapman, 172¼, Newark, in the kind of bout no one seemed to want to win, six. Ref, Pick.

Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—450 (est.).
Judges—Eva Shain, John Stewart, Milo Savage.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(03-13-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—It started like a gym workout and escalated into World War. Paul Barton invaded from Portland, Ore., with a glossy record, but found the East Coast competition no easy going. Brooklyn's Joey Soler, 142, came in with a losing record, but against tough competition. Starting slowly, Joey let the visitor set the pace, and fell behind. "I spent too much time seeing what he had," he later confessed. Perhaps Barton, 141¾, shouldn't have pressed his luck. After getting into trouble in the fifth, Joey woke up, switching southpaw to cut Barton to ribbons, and make him fight for his life in a blazing finish. Soler got careless during a rally in the eighth, and was dropped, while the badly-bleeding Barton had a narrow escape from the doctor in the ninth. The judging was excellent, as Barton got a close, deserved unanimous decision, 10. John Stewart voted 5-4-1, Frank Cairo and Ron Burns both 6-4. Paul Venti refereed.

In a scheduled six, James (Baby Doll) Berry, 213½, Miami, couldn't translate an imposing physique into boxing ability, and was upset by a determined Terry Armstrong, 207, Cincinnati. Berry was battled to exhaustion, received standing eights in the third and fourth, and was TKO'd when the doctor wouldn't allow him out for the fifth. Ref, Venti.

Mike Goudeau, 143½, St. Louis via Philadelphia, started strong, faded, but held onto a unanimous win over Ricky Williams, 144½, Elizabeth, in a wild four. Ref, Ted Pick.

The judges couldn't match their good main event work in the prelims, however, as Pee Wee Silva, 125¼, Union City, N.J., was given a thoroughly undeserved unanimous decision over Ron Freeman, 123½, St. Louis via Philadelphia, four. After coming off the floor in the first, Silva put on a gritty underdog effort that should have been enough to win applause, but not the verdict. Ref, Venti.

Ronnie Washington, 139, Philadelphia, TKO'd an exhausted Raymond Gregory, 148, Atlantic City, not out for the third round in a scheduled four. Ref, Pick.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,400 (est.).
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►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—"Diamond" Jim MacDonald, 175¼, Nashville, Tenn., scored a TKO win at 1:51 of round seven over Cleveland Watkins, 175, Canton, Ohio.

MacDonald had rough going early, as Watkins came to fight and dominated the early rounds with a good assortment of punches. He had MacDonald backing away or holding on a few occasions. MacDonald turned the fight around behind his powerful right hand (he know has a 17-0 record with 16 kayoes), dropping Watkins in rounds four, five, and twice in the seventh before referee Tony Perez stopped the bout.

Donald Capels, 126½, Houston, Texas, won an eight-round unanimous decision over southpaw Larry Highsmith, 128, Trenton, N.J. No knockdowns; ref was Ted Pick. Capels, a skinny boxer, would not let the shorter Highsmith work inside.

Joe Walker, 154, Youngstown, Ohio, scored a third round TKO win over Johnnie (Banks) Walker, 154, Passaic, N.J., in a scheduled six. Joe won the first two rounds easily and just as Johnnie was coming on, he suffered cuts over both eyes and the ringside physician would not let him out for round four. Joe Walker goes to 5-0. The ref was Tony Perez. No knockdowns.

Ismael Negron, 146½, Newark, N.J., won a six-round majority decision over previously undefeated (now 5-1) Mack Brown, 148, Freeport, N.Y. Brown was aggressive early but Negron got his boxing under control in the later rounds and probably won the bout with a last second knockdown of Brown. He was floored by a right, arose at five, and then the bell rang to end the bout. The referee was Pick.

A trio of scheduled fours rounded out the card. Michael Green, 123, Plainfield, N.J., scored a TKO win over Moises Fontana, 124½, Bronx, at 2:09 of round two. Fontana was down once in that round; ref was Pick.

Barrington Francis, 128¾, Plainfield, N.J., made a successful pro debut with a unanimous decision over David Nicks, 130¾, New York. The bout was scored two-two in rounds for each boxer, but Nicks was dropped once in round one and twice in the second for the points difference. Ref, Pick.

David Gauvin, 117, Houston, Texas, really shined with a TKO win at 2:30 of the first round over Keith Jenkins, 115½, Philadelphia. The sharp punching Texan had Jenkins pinned in his own corner, where he worked him over real well with a various assortment of beautifully placed blows. Ref Perez administered a standing eight-count to Jenkins, later stopping the one-sided bout.

Judges—Ronnie Burns, Rocky Castellani, Eva Shain.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter—HBA (East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
(04-10-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Trump Plaza**—Ray Ray "The Flash" Gray, 158½, stopped Charles "Machine Gun" Campbell, 159, Ft. Worth, Texas, at 3:00 of round six in a scheduled 12, to win yet another edition of the ESPN middleweight title.

Gray, originally out of Cleveland, Ohio, now resides in Newark, N.J., but trains in the southern part of the state—at Archer's Gym in Clementon. Gray now has a 12-0-1 mark with six knockouts, while Campbell fell to 16-1-1 with 10 kayoes.

After being hurt himself in the first session, Gray swept the remaining rounds against his southpaw foe. Even though Ray looked to be sucking air by round five, Campbell was in far worse physical condition; he was dropped twice in round four and had a nasty cut on his lower lip. Campbell probably would have been on the canvas a few more times, but always somehow managed to grab Gray and hold on when rocked.

A late round assault by Gray staggered Campbell and ref Tony Perez jumped in to stop the fight without a knock-down in that round. Perez had been advised by the ring doctor to keep a close look on Campbell.

Olympic flyweight Gold Medal winner Steve McCrory, 118, Detroit, won a ho-hum eight round unanimous decision over southpaw Kenny Butts, 115¼, Philadelphia. Scores were not announced, a sign that they were embarrassingly one-sided for McCrory. Butts took a standing eight count from ref Tony Orlando in round three.

Heavyweight Gold Medal winner Henry Tillman, 205, Los Angeles, scored a first round TKO win over Andre Crowder, 197¼, Lima, Ohio. Crowder was down once in the round via a short right hand. Later, ref Perez stopped the scheduled six rounder at 1:53 when Crowder was virtually out on his feet from a Tillman barrage.

Rodney Moore, 138½, Philadelphia, won a six-round unanimous decision over fellow Philadelphian Richie McCain, 141. There were no knockdowns. The ref was Orlando. The scores: Lynn Carter, 5-1; Frank Brunette, 4-1-1; Lawrence Wallace, 4-1-1.

In an exciting walk-out bout, two Philadelphians met again, as Marvin Garris, 139½ took a four-round unanimous decision over Tony Jackson, 138. No knock-downs; ref was Orlando. Scores: Carter, 4-0; Brunette, 3-1; Wallace, 2-1-1.

Top Rank, Inc.
Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(04-18-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Ricky Young, 141, Harlem, struggled to a majority decision over surprisingly tough Nelson (Rocky) Ortiz, 140, San Juan, P.R., 10. Scorings: Tony Castellano, 5-5; Harold Lederman, 5-4-1; ARtie Levine, 6-4. Vincent Rainone, referee. Young is now 13-1 with six kayoes. Ortiz is 8-3-1 with four knockouts.

Jose Duran Martinez, 148½, New York, won a majority decision over former welterweight contender Bruce Finch, 145, Las Vegas, 10. Scoring: Castellano and Lederman, both 6-4; Levine, 5-5. Johnny Colan, referee.

Sanford Ricks, 146, Newark, won a split duke over Al Santana, 147½, Bayonne, N.J., 10. Scoring: Castellano and Lederman, both 6-4, Ricks; Levine, an incredible 9-1, Santana. Paul Venti, referee.

Hilario Mercedes, 135, New York, closed the show with a TKO over Rigo McLean, 134½, New York, at 2:46 of the first round in a scheduled four. Vincent Rainone, referee. A left hook decked McLean.

Anthony (The Baby Tank) Gordon, 162, Jamaica, Queens, New York, won a unanimous decision over Gregory Jones, 158, Newark, four. Scoring: Castellano and Lederman, both 3-1; Levine, 4-0. Johnny Colan, referee.

Miguel Alvarez, 121, Jersey City,a nd Tomas Otero, 124, New York, drew in the four-round opener. Scoring: Castellano, 3-1, Alvarez; Lederman, 2-2; Levine, 2-2 but 3-2 in points, Otero. Paul Venti, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Dr. Marvin Goldberg.
(04-12-85)

►**NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden**—Four "live" bouts preceded the Hagler-Hearns closed circuit telecast.

Angel (El Bravo) Cruz, 140, lived up to his name in a draw with Felix Santiago, staging a gutsy finish to hold on to his New York State junior welterweight title, 12. Scoring: Simon Ramos, 6-6; Eva Shain, 7-5, Cruz; Victor Suarez, 7-5, Santiago. Tony Perez, referee. Cruz is now 17-5-1 with five kayoes. Santiago is 11-0-1 with eight knockouts.

Former WBC lightweight champion Edwin Rosario, 136, San Juan, P.R. knocked out Alberto (The Cobra) Ramos, 133½, with a hard right in 1:08 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Al LoBianco, referee. Rosario is now 22-1 with 19 knockouts. Ramos is 12-3 with six kayoes.

Rasheed Ali, 136, New York, won a unanimous (all cards 4-0) decision over Rafael Torero, 135¾, Santo Domingo, D.R., four. Al LoBianco, referee. Torero was down in round three.

Jose Rosa, 140, New York, won a majority decision over Mark Farley, 138, Jersey City, four. Scoring: Ramos and Shain, both 3-1; Suarez, 1-1-2. Al LoBianco, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(04-15-85)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

►**LEBANON—YMCA**—The Reading promoters spilled over into nearby Lebanon for the first pro card presented here in anyone's memory. Unfortunately, the fans were mistreated to a parade of stiffs, with only three competitive bouts, so this will probably end up a one-time event. In the main bout, a scheduled six, Todd Englehart, 160½, Lebanon, TKO'd a dead body in Fred Savage, 155½, Philadelphia, who folded meekly at 2:37 of the first.

In a good bout, Georgie Brooks, 142½, Lancaster, won a unanimous decision over Richard Graves, 138½, Philadelphia, six.

Scott Ritchie, 140, Lebanon, twice dropped nothing much in Wyatt Simkins, 142, Philadelphia, for a TKO at 2:38 of the second in a scheduled four.

Al (Bubblegum) Sheriff, 175, Reading, TKO'd pathetic Rodney Ferguson, (posing as "Louis Bell"), 165½, Philadelphia, who flopped and quit at 1:04 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Scott (Little Red) Derr, 135, Shillington, got a competitive workout from gritty James Lyons, 138, Philadelphia. Derr finished strong to gain a close, unanimous decision in a sloppy four.

Steve Mistretta, 131½, Palmerton, dropped Maurice Young (fighting as "Jasper Baxley"), 140, Philadelphia, with a sharp double left hook for a TKO at 1:20 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Jimmy Ruoff, 174, Shillington, scored a unanimous win over Bob Saxton (appearing as "Charlie Johnson"), 164, Philadelphia, four.

In the best action fight, Gary Colon, 162½, Reading, came from behind to TKO luckless Carl Dixon, 160, Lancaster, on a cut eye at 1:00 of the fourth and last round.

K. & O. Boxing.
Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.
Attendance—350. Gross—$4,000 (est.).
Judges—Gus Daniels, Joe Talarico, Pete Lashe.
Referee (all bouts)—Tony Wolfe.
Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.
Announcer—Jack Shirk.
(02-23-85)

►**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle**—A 12-round fight for, of all things, the vacant Pennsylvania State flyweight title sounds like some gimmicky p.r. joke. The fighters, Pop Robinson, W. Philadelphia, and Kenny Butts, N. Philadelphia, both 112, didn't think so. They translated a local rivalry into a battle with enough action and drama to

satisfy a world title. The bigger, stronger Robinson looked like he would make it a rout early, as he controlled the retreating Butts with a thumping body attack. But the southpaw cutie's constant movement and pecking counters seemed to take a surprising toll on Robinson. Kenny moved into command in the middle rounds as Pop tired, and had Robinson ready to fall in a big seventh. But with an eye on the 12-round distance, Kenny failed to nail down his victory in the eighth, and allowed Pop back in the fight. A rejuvinated Robinson came on to edge out a unanimous win by keeping busy in the late rounds, as both fighters tired. Carol Polis voted 57-54, Lynne Carter 57-51, and Joe Sweeney 56-51. Rudy Battle refereed.

Ed Priester, 154¼, Logan (Philadelphia), scored a unanimous win over cautious Miguel Montero, 154, N. Philadelphia, in a dullish six. Ref, Frank Cappuccino.

Luis Diaz, 130, N. Philadelphia, seemed lucky to get a unanimous verdict over James Ayers, 129, N. Philadelphia, six. Slugger Diaz was frustrated by southpaw Ayers' tricky style, and seemed to deserve no more than a draw. Ref, Cappuccino.

John France, 157½, Kensington, wore out Joey Ropeno, 160, Reading, to take a unanimous decision in a slugging four. Ref, Cappuccino.

In an incredible slugfest, Steve Mistretta, 133, Palmerton, Pa., came off the floor in the first against Bobby Douglas, Jr., 131½, Woodbury, N.J., to wade through all Douglas' firepower and drop him twice for a TKO at 1:28 of the second in their scheduled four. Ref, Battle.

Matchmaker—Gary Hegyi.
Attendance—650. Gross—$6,500 (est.).
Timekeeper—J. P. Mina.
Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(03-14-85)

►**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—The revived Pennsylvania State title bouts continued with a third excellent contest. This time, Johnny Carter, who once fought Jeff Chandler for the world bantam crown, took the vacant state super bantam title with a TKO over Francis Childs. A once-hot prospect who hasn't been active lately, Childs, 121, Chester, gave away a lot of experience to Carter, also 121, Philadelphia. Yet Francis held his own in an exciting battle that mixed tense, chess-match boxing with explosive bursts of action. Both switched to southpaw so many times it's a wonder they didn't confuse themselves. The more stoic Childs stalked and landed short, crisp punches that often jolted the mercurial Carter into wild flurries that were frequently more smoke than fire. Johnny held a narrow lead on the judges' cards going into the eighth, but seemed to be fading. Francis opened the round strong, until Carter erupted into an endless volley of lightning punches that drove a dazed and confused Childs into his own corner, as if seeking refuge, where ref Frank Cappuccino stopped the scheduled 12, without protest, at 2:58.

Brian McGinley, 151, Philadelphia, blasted out Luis Vargas, 152, Reading, dropping him twice with sharp, straight rights, for a kayo at 1:18 of the second in a scheduled six. Ref, Ozzie Sadler.

Anthony Boyle, 121, Philadelphia, routed Terry Player, also 121, Washington, D.C., with a three-knockdown TKO at 2:44 of the first round in a scheduled four. Ref, Ozzie Sadler.

In a crowd pleasing slugfest, John (Buckwheat) Farina, 119½, Upper Darby, outlasted a game Keith Jenkins, 118, Philadelphia, for a deserved majority decision, four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Michael Duncan, 145½, Landover, Md., seemed to scare Stewart Coleman, 152, Camden, with his punching power, then chased him until Cappuccino stopped it at 2:34 of the second in their scheduled four.

Kevin Fulton, 152½, Philadelphia, dropped and TKO'd Terrence Jacobs, 151, Philadelphia, at 0:55 of the second in another scheduled four. Ref, Sadler.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—755. Gross—$7,550.
Judges—Carol Polis, Harold Lederman, Tommy Cross.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Frank Talent.
(03-19-85)

►**CHADDS FORD—Brandywine Club**—Boxing returned to this former J. Russell Peltz venue, with Messina Boxing Promotions now at the helm. The main event featured the pro debut of one of the most highly-rated and well-publicized amateurs in the country, Henry Milligan. Henry's opponent in the scheduled six was an unknown sacrifice billed as "Garland Hall," though more than one fighter has used this name. At any rate, Milligan, 185, Wilmington, electrified the packed house when he shocked "Hall," 184½, Philadelphia, with a right-hand bomb for a kayo at 1:55 of the first. Hank Cisco refereed.

Southpaw Sidney Outlaw, 156, Philadelphia, upset local favorite "Pinky Six-guns" Gordon, 154, Wilmington, outhustling him for a unanimous win in a raw but exciting six. Ref, Charlie Sgrillo.

Al Ferro, 153½, Upper Darby, took a close but fair majority verdict over a determined Doug Powers, 151, Philadelphia, in a crowd-pleasing six. Ref, Cisco.

Doug Pettiford, 126, Wilmington, won a majority decision over southpaw James Irby, 126, Philadelphia, four. Ref, Dan Bucceroni.

Mike Harris, 181, Philadelphia, demolished Chris Reeder, 187, Linwood, Pa., with a two-knockdown TKO at 1:48 of the first round in their scheduled four. Ref, Bucceroni.

Steve Sheeran, 166, Upper Darby, twice floored reluctant Kelvin Hampton, 167, Philadelphia, for a TKO at 2:40 of the second in another scheduled four. Ref, Bucceroni.

Jimmy Ruoff, 172, Shillington, Pa., "kayoed" disgraceful stiff Rodney Pressley, 168, Philadelphia, who twice folded from nothing much at 1:00 of the first in yet another scheduled four. Ref, Sgrillo.

Promoters—Raymond and Charlie Messina.
Matchmaker—Pat Duffy.
Attendance—800. Gross—$8,000 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Carol Polis, Harold Lederman.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(03-20-85)

J. R. JOWETT

TEXAS

►**FORT WORTH—Gorman's Super Pro Gym**—Reggie Robinson, 137¾, Fort Worth, scored a fifth round TKO over Luis Pena, 135, Dallas. Luis made the mistake of standing toe-to-toe with the stronger and quicker Reggie. By the fourth round, Reggie had punched the wind out of Luis. He capped his victory at 2:50 in round five.

George Graham, 196, undefeated in 12 bouts, remained so with a TKO over David Cherry, 205. George calmly stalked his Abilene opponent, landing hard, accurately placing combinations. George went back to Shreveport, La with a 19-second TKO win in the fourth, and David fell to an even pro record of 4-4.

In a three-round exhibition bout, Laredo bantamweight Gaby Canizales had a tune-up workout with Fred Burroughs, San Antonio. No decision was given, but *The Ring* had it Gaby by a shutout.

Debuting Troy Dorsey, 126½, Dallas, showed Rafael Rodriguez (4-2), Dallas, it sometimes takes more guts than savvy to win. Troy continually pressed and threw punches until Rafael, 127½, went out on a TKO at 2:15 in round two.

Jesse Shelby, 192½, Fort Worth, had little competition with Paul Madison, 190, Spencer, Olka. Jesse was awarded a TKO win at 2:20 of the second.

Victory McCray, 139, Dallas, was able to pull out from losing a four-rounder with a TKO at 21 seconds of the third over debuting Freddie Braziel, also from Dallas.

Referees—Dick Cole, Spider Bynum.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ringside physicians—James Marr, William Gardner.
10 Count Productions.
Attendance—204. Gross—$2,119.
(04-02-85)

WAYNE M. ANDERSON

CANADA

ONTARIO

►**TORONTO—St. Lawrence Market**—The Cabbagetown Boxing Club ran a card consisting of two six-round bouts and five fours. The attendance was small due to the over priced ($20) tickets.

John Kalbhenn, 132, Toronto, and Joe Senegal, 131, Detroit, drew, six.

Tony Morrison, 179, Toronto, kayoed Ray Henderson, also 179, Toronto, with a series of hard punches in 0:39 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Four-rounders: Chico Hernandez, 130, Toronto, won a split decision over Chris Ranelli, 126, Sudbury. Zest Holmes, 144, Windsor, won a technical decision over Marco Carella, 150, Toronto, after Carella suffered a bad gash over the left eye as the result of an accidental butt. Paul Campbell, 136, Toronto, and Brent Shroder, Sudbury, drew. Ken Smith, 140, Windsor, knocked out Robert Bath, 136, Toronto, with a right hook to the jaw in 0:28 of the first round. Bobby Green, 160, Dunsville, won a split decision over Wayne Dobbin, also 160, Toronto, in a spirited bout.

Referees—Chuck Williams, Lionel Sullivan, Shawn O'Sullivan.
Judges—Frank Bullard, Sammy Luftspring, C. Williams.
Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillilo.
Ring Announcer—Tony Unitas.
(03-29-85)

QUEBEC

►**MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena**—Remo DiCarlo, 134¼, Toronto, retained his Canadian lightweight crown by knocking out Mario Cusson, 134½, Montreal, in 1:56 of the 11th round in a scheduled 12. Cusson just dropped from exhaustion. He spent the night in a hospital.

Deano Clavet, 169, LaSalle, won a majority decision over Jean Wilson, 171½, Sorel, eight. The scores were 78-78, 79-74, and 78-76.

Pietro Napolitano, 142, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Andre Sarrazin, Montreal, six. Scores were 60-56, 59-56, and 60-55.

Jacques DeBlois, 151¼, LaSalle, won a unanimous decision over Karl Wright, 154, St. Laurent, six. Scores were 58-57, 60-57, and 58-57.

Al Cox, 147, Toronto, won a unanimous (40-36 twice and 40-37) decision over Frank Baldassare, 144¼, Laval, four.

Referees—J. Simpson, Guy Jutras, R. Doutre.
Judges—M. Beaudry, LaPointe, Miron, Theroux.
Timekeepers—O. Marchessault, N. Nichilo.
Ringside Physicians—P. Meunier, L. LeClerc.
Ring Announcer—R. Mailhot.
Promoter—Roger Martel.
Attendance—4,200.
(03-26-85)

FRANK ALLNUTT

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

►**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gym**—Hard hitting Francisco (Rocky) Fernandez, the national Junior Lightweight champion, continued his winning ways with a second round K.O. over Ezequiel Mosquera. The end came at 0:57 of the round.

Fernandez, 132, outpunched Mosquera, 133½, sending him to the canvas with a powerful right to the head to end the short lived match.

The win gave Fernandez the right to meet high-ranked Bernardo Checa sometime in May.

Two other 10-round bouts and an eight-rounder completed the card, presented by PANAPROM, which is headed by well known manager-promoter Luis Spada.

Eric Perea, 142, coming from a long layoff, blasted Aquilino Asprilla, also 142, with a kayo win at 2:15 of the

CANADIAN RATINGS
BY THE CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(As of April 18, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Halifax)
1. Razor Ruddock (Toronto)
2. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
3. Cedric Parsons (Halifax)
4. Conroy Nelson (Ottawa)
5. Jimmy Gradson (Toronto)
6. Young Dempsey (Vancouver)
7. Alex Williamson (Toronto)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Don LaLonde (Winnipeg)
1. Willie Featherstone (Toronto)
2. Eddie Melo (Toronto)
3. Don Hurtle (Toronto)
4. Paul Doiron (Dieppe, N.B.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Olajide, Jr. (Vancouver)
1. Matthew Hilton (Montreal)
2. Deano Clavet (LaSalle)
3. Danny Vandal (Winnipeg)
4. Wayne Caplette (Winnipeg)
5. Dean Ferguson (Leamington)
6. Jacques LeBlanc (Memramcook, N.B.)
7. Marcel Gobeil (Dartmouth)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Ricky Anderson (Halifax)
2. Guerrero Chavez (Montreal)
3. Donny Poole (Toronto)
4. Jamie Ollenberger (Vancouver)
5. Laurie Mann (Prince George)
6. Chris Clarke (Halifax)
7. Denis Sigouin (Hull)
8. Nick Furlano (Toronto)
9. John Herbert (Vancouver)
10. Mike Jones (Brantford)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Remo DiCarlo (Toronto)
1. Peter Cunningham (Edmonton)
2. Pierre Huneault (Hull)
3. Mario Cusson (Montreal)
4. Dan Pruden (Winnipeg)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Pep (Vancouver)
1. Nedrae Simons (Toronto)

CONTINENTAL AMERICAS RATINGS
BY THE WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
(As of April 20, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Dokes (U.S.)
1. James Broad (U.S.)
2. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
3. Randall (Tex) Cobb (U.S.)
4. Jose Adilson Rodriguez (Brazil)
5. Luis Lozano (Panama)
6. James (Buster) Douglas (U.S.)
7. Jose Ribalta (Cuba)
8. Jeff Sims (U.S.)
9. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
10. Carl Williams (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
2. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
3. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
4. Dorsey Gaymon (U.S.)
5. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
6. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
7. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
8. Ibi Zimmerman (Curacao)
9. Willie Featherstone (Canada)
10. Omar Perez (Nicaragua)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
1. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
4. Bobby Jennings (U.S.)
5. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
6. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
7. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
8. Clarismundo Silva (Brazil)
9. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
10. Grover Robinson (U.S.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. James Shuler (U.S.)
2. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
3. Carlos Betancourt (Puerto Rico)
4. Don Lee (U.S.)
5. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
6. Horacio Perez (Colombia)
7. Esteban Pizzaro (Puerto Rico)
8. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
9. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
10. Alex Hilton (Canada)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
1. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. Fred Hutchings (U.S.)
4. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
5. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
6. Clint Jackson (U.S.)
7. Fernando Santos (Brazil)
8. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
9. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
10. David Noel (Trinidad)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Hilton (Canada)
1. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
2. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
3. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
4. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
5. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
6. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
7. Dennis Horne (U.S.)
8. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
9. Fernando Castro (Peru)
10. Elio Diaz (Venezuela)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Darryl Fuller (U.S.)
1. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Saul Julio (Colombia)
4. Kel Robin (U.S.)
5. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
6. Leroy Haley (U.S.)
7. Juan Cruces (Chile)
8. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
1. John Montes (U.S.)
2. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
3. Ezequiel Mosquera (Panama)
4. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
5. Orlando Romero (Peru)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Adolfo Medel (Chile)
8. Junel Rodriguez (Venezuela)
9. Peter Cunningham (Canada)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
2. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
3. Louis Burke (U.S.)
4. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
5. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
6. Marcel Montana (Colombia)
7. Rosendo Alonso (Mexico)
8. Benji Marquez (U.S.)
9. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
10. Ruben Guzman (Colombia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
3. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
4. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
5. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
6. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
7. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
8. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
9. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
10. Danilo Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
2. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
3. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
4. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
5. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
6. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
7. Jesus Flores (Venezuela)
8. Jose Meneses (Panama)
9. Ruben Palacios (Colombia)
10. Tony Pep (Canada)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
1. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
6. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
7. Javier Avila (Mexico)
8. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
9. Benito Badilla (Chile)
10. Ray Minus (Bahamas)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
1. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
3. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
4. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
5. Jose Chacon (Panama)
6. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
7. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
8. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
9. Juan Polo Perez (Colombia)
10. Toribio Riasco (Colombia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
5. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
6. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
7. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
8. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
9. Paulo Ribeiro (Brazil)
10. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
3. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
4. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
5. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
6. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
7. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
8. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Luis Beltran (Chile)

seventh.

Jose (Sugar Ray) Williams, 130¼, took a hard fought split decision over Alcibiades Blandon, 129.

Roy Thompson, 110¼, kayoed Alan de Leon, 109¾, at 0:21 of the eighth and last round in a rematch. Their previous fight ended in a draw. Perez flattened Asprilla in the first round, but went down himself in the second. From the third on, the bout was fought on even terms until the final blow. Thompson, considered a power-puff puncher, surprised the crowd in the first round when he knocked de Leon down twice. From then on, he used his *avispa* (bee) tactics, stinging de Leon constantly until he caught him with a right to the jaw to put an end to the bout.
(04-20-85)

JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

►**CORRIENTES—Club Juventud**—Southpaw Lucio Lopez won the vacant Argentine bantamweight title by knocking out Jose Rufino Narvaez in the first round with a right hook.

Lopez is now 12-0 with nine kayoes. Narvaez still holds the South American title.
(03-15-85)

►**TRELEW—Club Independiente**—Lorenzo Garcia outscored Ruben Verdun, 10, junior welterweights.

Garcia is now 49-2-8 with eight kayoes. Verdun is 20-3 with four knockouts.
(03-15-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez stopped Antonio Hugo Vicente, who retired in the interval between rounds nine and 10. Vicente was floored in the sixth.

Miguel Francia outpointed Julio Ramirez in an eight-round bout between two featherweight prospects.
(03-16-85)

►**SAN JUAN—Estadio Parque de Mayo**—Unbeaten featherweight Jose Mario Lopez and veteran Hipolito Nunez drew, 10. It was a unanimous draw, the cards reading 98-98 (twice) and 99-99.

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—Salta State welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo halted Uruguayan Juan Antonio Flores Burlon in three.
(03-22-85)

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featherweight champion Ramon Horacio Albers won a unanimous decision over Juan Ivalo, 10. The scores were 100-93 and 99-95 (twice).
(03-22-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Junior middleweight Carlos Victor Velasquez won a majority technical decision over Jorge (Karateca) Medina. Referee Maio stopped the contest after an accidental clash of heads injured Medina. Scores after eight were 80-78, 78-77, and 78-78.
(03-23-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Carlos Prieto won a unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Marcelo Di Crocce, 10. Scores were 97-96, 99-96, and 99-94.
(03-30-85)

►**CHABABUCO—Gimnasio Municipal**—Patricio Diaz drew with Ricardo Carballo, 12, to retain his Argentine junior middleweight title. The scores were 115-115, 117-117, and 119-113, Carballo.
(04-05-85)

►**TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Argentine and South American featherweight champion Fernando Sosa outscored Jose Villarreal, 10, non-title.

Unbeaten featherweight Jose Mario Lopez stopped Esteban Bustos in the eighth.

Sosa will now defend his national title against Lopez.
(04-05-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo and Daniel Gonzalez, drew, 10, welters. Excellent bout.
(04-06-85)

►**NOTES**—Former WBA junior featherweight champion Sergio Victor Palma announced his retirement on March 20th. His final log was 50-5-5 with 20 kayoes.

Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez was proclaimed South American junior welterweight champion by the South American Boxing Federation on April 2nd. The title had been declared vacant in 1984 due to champion Ubaldo Sacco's inactivity.

BRAZIL

►**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Brazilian flyweight champion Paulo Ribeiro outpointed Chilean Guillermo Acevedo, 10.
(01-04-85)

►**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Elio Santana Lima halted Jesie Maciel in four, welters.
(01-12-85)

►**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian junior lightweight Francisco Tomas da Cruz knocked out Chilean Reinaldo Rosales in six.
(01-13-85)

►**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Diogenes Pacheco da Silva outclassed Waldir de Jesus, 10, junior middles.
(01-23-85)

►**RIO DE JANEIRO**—Elio Santana Lima knocked out Ismael Dos Santos in three, welters.
(01-24-85)

►**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian and South American heavyweight champion Jose Adilson Rodrigues halted Walter Santemore in five.

Francisco Tomas Da Cruz knocked out Victor Zamudio in round four, junior lights.

Danilo Batista stopped Valdevino Monteiro in four, junior featherweights.
(02-10-85)

►**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian junior lightweight champion Francisco Tomas Da Cruz won the vacant South American title with a close decision over Argentine champion Pedro Armando Gutierrez, 12.
(03-24-85)

►**SAO PAULO**—Argentina's Daniel Falconi knocked out South American heavyweight champion Jose Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues in the third round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Falconi is now 14-1-1 with nine kayoes. Rodriguez is 13-1 with 12 knockouts.
(03-31-85)

PARAGUAY

►**ASUNCION**—Paraguayan light heavyweight champion Juan Carlos Giemenz outscored Argentina's Eduardo Contreras, 10.
(02-15-85)

PERU

►**LIMA**—Argentina's Geronimo Luquez halted mediocre Vicente Rubino in two, lightweights.

Local bantamweight Elvy Alca outpointed former South American flyweight champion Jaime Miranda of Chile, eight.

Panamanian Jorge Pino halted Miguel Nieves, 10, welters.
(02-23-85)

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BELGIUM

►**CHARLEROI**—Jean-Marc Renard won on a disqualification over Sammy Meck in seven. Meck has won only two of his last 17 bouts.

Former Spanish lightweight champion Jose Antonio Garcia halted Marc Amand on a cut in round seven.
(01-25-85)

►**BRUSSELS**—Patrick Boon and Jimmy Gourad drew, six, junior middles.
(03-02-85)

►**LA LOUVIERE**—Salvatore Pisani halted Louis Ruelens in four, junior middles.

Hughes Bosser and Fernando Blanco drew, six, junior welters.
(03-08-85)

►**LAEKEN**—Jesus Fernandez outpointed Mohamed Bouziani, six, junior middleweights.
(03-10-85)

►**CHARLEROI**—Benelux lightweight champion Franciso Rodriguez outpointed Andre Blanco, eight. Rodriguez, a 23-year-old Spaniard, has lost only one of his 18 pro bouts.
(03-15-85)

►**BRUSTEM-SINT-TRUIDEN**—Jean-Marc Renard halted Mohamed Maalem in two. Renard is now 23-3. Maalem is 17-7-2.

Patrick Boon narrowly outscored Fernado Blanco, six, welterweights.
(03-22-85)

FRANCE

►**CORBEIL**—Jean Pierre Calvez and Thierry Piriou drew, six, junior middles.

Claude Places outpointed Djilali Gallouze, six, middles.
(01-18-85)

►**ANTIBES**—Aldo Curti outpointed Robert Dormoy, eight, junior middles.

The bout between Rony Vivarelli and Philippe Arrendel, covered in the previous report, was a 10-rounder, not an eight. It was a tough fight, in which both men were decked. Only the third bout for the loser, Arrendel.
(01-18-85)

►**NOISY-LE-GRAND**—Patrice Akam outscored Rudolph Mugerin, six, heavies.
(01-19-85)

►**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—French junior lightweight champion Michel Siracusa halted Kemal Kessaci in the first round. Eighth win in a row for the 33-year-old Siracusa.

Jean-Pierre Iniama stopped Patrick Grisot in round two, middleweights.

Jean DiBateza outpointed Miloud Kaddour, bantams.
(01-25-85)

►**FREJUS**—Fred Coranson halted Aldo Curti on a cut in round six, middles.
(01-25-85)

►**PARIS**—Akim Zeroual stopped Mohamed Bourahla in six, junior middles.
(01-28-85)

►**GAILLARD**—Abdelkader Marbi stopped Michel Giroud on a cut in the fourth round, junior welters. Marbi holds similar wins over Vinnie Pazienza and Frederic Geoffroy.
(02-09-85)

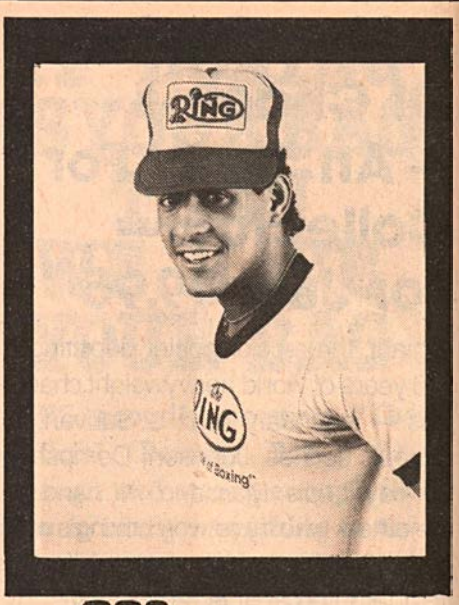
►**DOLE**—Robert Dormoy and Felix DiCiocco drew, six, middles.
(03-02-85)

►**ST. OUEN**—French middleweight idol Pierre Franck Winterstein stopped Sammy Brennan in round seven. The 25-year-old Winterstein is now 32-1-1 with 25 kayoes.

Jean (Tano) Weis halted Ahmed Laghlali in the first round, heavies.
(03-04-85)

►**TOULON**—Junior middleweight prospect Marc Ruocco outscored Fred Coranson, eight. Ruocco is now 17-0 with 16 kayoes.
(03-0 -85)

►**PARIS—Omnisports Arena**—Milton McCrory retained his WBC welterweight crown with a unanimous decision



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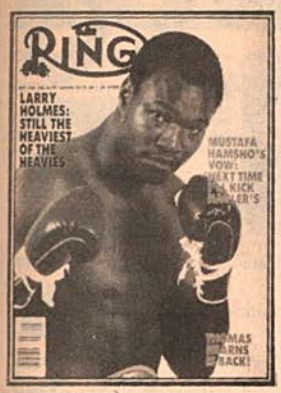

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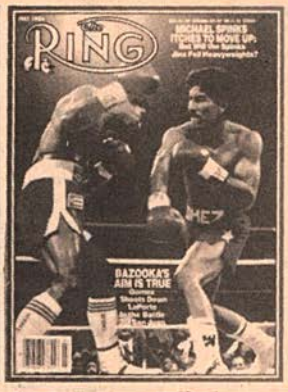

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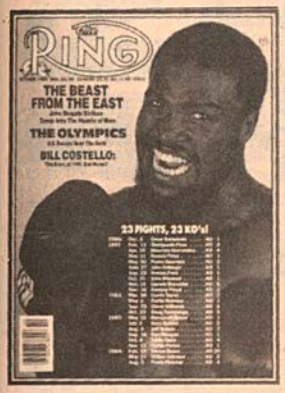

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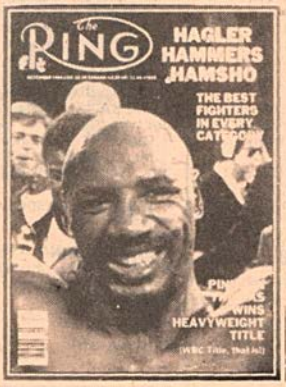

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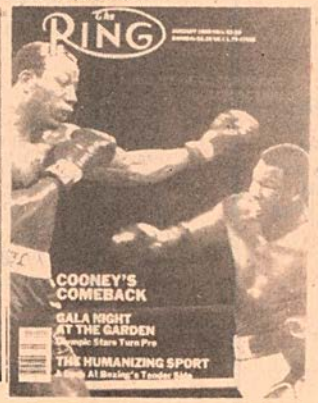

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over Pedro Vilella, 12. The scores were 118-112, 120-113, and 120-112. McCrory is now 25-0-1. Vilella is 18-1-1.

Pablo Baez stopped former European welterweight champion Gilles Elbilia in three. Elbilia then announced his retirement.

Antoine Montero outpointed former Mexican junior flyweight champion Enrique Aguilar, 10. Montero is now 23-1-1. Aguilar is 21-5.

1984 Olympic flyweight gold medalist Steve McCrory and Louis Gomis drew, six. It looked like McCrory won.
(03-09-85)

►**RODEZ**—Dominique Nato won the vacant French heavyweight title by outpointing Damiens Marignan, 10. Nato, a policeman, has now won 11 in a row.

Former European heavyweight champion Lucien Rodriguez halted Mikan Popovic in eight.

Patrick Beaudet outscored Marcel Denis, six, welterweights.

Majid Harid outpointed Julien Segly, six, junior welters.
(03-09-85)

►**COMPIEGNE**—Two featherweight tournament bouts made up the bill.

Farid Benredjeb kayoed Robert Lamielle in the first round.

Patrick Van Gaver outscored Francis Aparicio, six.
(03-09-85)

►**NANTES**—Three junior welterweight tournament bouts made up the bill.

Cherif Boubekeur halted Eric Ceriac in three.

Bruno Bouchard halted Michel Martin in three, junior welters.

Tiburce Mondel kayoed Roland Leclercq in the first round.
(03-15-85)

►**ST. QUENTIN**—Gilles Beaurain outpointed Christian Blondel, six rounds, junior welters.
(03-15-85)

►**ST. BRIEUC**—Four scheduled six-round welterweight tourney bouts made up the bill.

Gilles Blandin outscored Abderrhaim Laachira.

Jacques Martucci outscored Eric Condette, six.

Pascal Lorcy outpointed Patrick Grisot.

Franck Laviso halted Casimir Celestam in four.
(03-16-85)

►**PARIS**—Four scheduled six-round junior middleweight tournament bouts made up the bill.

Akim Zeroual outpointed Abdelaziz Khalid.

Mohand Mehadji outpointed Mohamed El Mardi.

Thierry Lepineux outscored Jean Leandre Luggiery.

Jean-Paul Roux stopped Georges Koffi in five.
(03-18-85)

►**TARBES**—Said Skouma regained the French junior middleweight title by stopping Germain LeMaitre in the fifth round. The 26-year-old Skouma is now 16-2 with 12 kayoes. His only losses have been to Britishers Lloyd Christie and Jimmy Cable. The 37-year-old LeMaitre may be close to retirement.

Mohamed Bourahoui outscored Jean Pierre Calvez, six.
(03-22-85)

►**RHEIMS**—Daniel Londas regained the French junior lightweight title by outpointing Michel Siracusa, 10. The 30-year-old Londas is now 30-4.
(03-22-85)

►**LE MANS**—Abdel Arik outpointed Julien Segly, eight, junior welters.

Jean-Pierre Chartier outscored Lionel Jean, six, feathers.
(03-23-85)

►**MAUBEUGE**—Ahcene Reffas stopped Mohamed Laghlali in round six, light heavies.
(03-23-85)

►**L'HAY-LES-ROSES**—Jean-Luc Lesourd outscored Jean-Pierre Guiomarch, six, feathers.
(03-23-85)

ITALY

►**BERGAMANO**—Angelo Rottoli and Guido Trane drew, 12, Rottoli retaining his Italian heavyweight title.

Salvatore Curcetti stopped Jose Maillot of France in five.
(12-21-85)

►**GALLARATE**—Unbeaten welter Mario Cipollino and Inino Bolamba drew, six.

Former amateur star Maurizio Ronzoni outscored Kamel Touati, six.
(01-26-85)

►**RIVA DEL GARDA**—Middleweight Edmondo Buttiglione outscored Dominique Delorme, six. Buttiglione is now 15-1.
(01-27-85)

►**PADUA**—Richard Bankeu outscored Domenico Ricci, junior middles.

Angelo Fenu outpointed Fausto Gennaro, six, junior middles.

Mario Rinaldi and Mabobo Kamunga drew, six, middleweights.
(02-01-85)

►**CORSICO**—Paolo Castrovilli and Claudio Tanda drew, six, bantamweights.
(02-02-85)

►**TERAMO**—Maurizio DiRuggero outscored Jean Touatti, six, junior welterweights.

Aldo Gesualdo and Ionino Bolamba drew, six, junior middles.
(02-08-85)

►**SENIGALLI**—Junior lightweight Antonio Renzo raised his log to 7-0 by stopping Jamel Hamdouche in four.
(02-22-85)

►**NAPLES**—Gaetano Caso outpointed Francesco Gallo, eight, welterweights.

Vincenzo Limatola outscored Joseph Sekisambu, eight, bantams.

Antonio Picardi outpointed Abdel Diane, six, flyweights.
(02-23-85)

►**TIRANO**—Roberto Manoni outscored Mosimo Maeleke, eight, junior middleweights.

►**LUCCA**—Piero Morello outpointed Andrea Ricci, six, lightweights.

Claudio Tanda halted Agapito Gomez on an injury in five.

Marco Gallo halted Sammy Meck on a cut in round six, junior lights. Gallo is now 26-8. He has won his last 11 in a row.

Butangi Nzolameso outpointed Andoni Amana, eight, middles.
(02-27-85)

►**SAN MARINO**—Yugoslavian middleweight Miodrag Perunovic outpointed Mabobo Kamunga, six.

Museta Bingunia outscored Jose Maillot, eight, featherweights.
(02-28-85)

NETHERLANDS

►**AMSTERDAM**—Heavyweight Andre Van den Oetelsar outpointed Belgian veteran Rudi Gauwe, 10.
(02-11-85)

►**ROTTERDAM**—Belgian Frankie DeCaestecker won the Benelux middleweight title by outpointing Jan Kefeber, 10.

Romain Mianzuela won the Benelux junior middleweight title by stopping Wim Thijssen in two. Mianzuela, born in Zaire but now based in Belgium, is now 23-0-2.

Three junior middleweight bouts made up the remainder of the card.

Jimmy Gourad outscored Jimmy Bartes, six.

Mohamed Bouziani outpointed Gerry Sloof, eight.

Kid Taylor knocked out Bechir Chaarane in round two.
(03-25-85)

SWITZERLAND

►**CHAVANNES-RENENS**—Mauro Martelli outpointed Pacha Klai, six, welterweights.

Abdel Marbi stopped Antonio Torsello in the eighth round, welters.
(02-23-85)

Thanks to Ray Van Laeken, Mauro Betti, Angel Gonzalez, and Leo Volnhofer.

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UNITED KINGDOM

►**BIRMINGHAM—Aston Villa Leisure Centre**—Pat Cowdell, 129½, kept his European junior lightweight title by outpointing Spaniard Carlos Hernandez, 129¾, the scoring after 12 rounds being as follows: referee Raymond Bachelet, 119-114; judge Gaston Frantz, 119-115; judge Bob Logist, 120-115—all in favor of Cowdell.

The margin looked wider than the scoresheets show, and Cowdell boxed his way to victory without ever pressuring his man. Hernandez fought grimly all the way, wiping out the memory of his last appearance in Britain three years earlier, when he was European champion and

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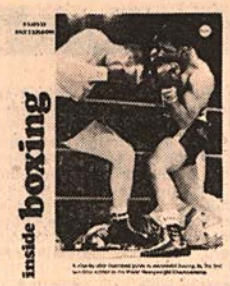

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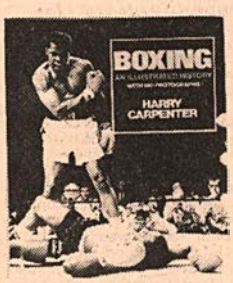

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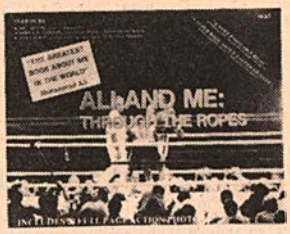

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10. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)

decided to retire against Cornelius Boza-Edwards in round four for no apparent reason. This time he showed a lot of pluck in keeping going until the end—although completely outboxed.

Martin McGough, Coventry, 148¼, stopped Jim McIntosh, Edinburgh, 149, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 0:40 of round six in a scheduled eight after McIntosh had been down from a right hand.

It was McIntosh's first defeat and also the first time he had been floored. McGough was down briefly in round two, and was marked under the left eye. McIntosh was marked by the right eye, but there was no indication of an early finish until that right from McGough, who now goes on to meet Sylvester Mittee for the latter's Commonwealth welter title.

Mickey Baker, Midlands Area lightweight champion, outpointed Les Remekie, Leicester, 137, over eight, referee Thomas scoring it 79½-77½.

Peter Foster, Birmingham, 150, outpointed Central Area light middleweight champ Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 154½, over six, by a narrow 59½-59 on referee Jim Pridding's card. Mitchell was down in round five from a left to the chin, and was twice warned for alleged low blows.

Debutant John Hyland, Liverpool, 121, impressed in stopping John Mwaimu, Manchester, 121, referee Pridding calling a halt at 0:52 of round five in a scheduled six with Mwaimu outclassed.

Alistair Laurie, Selkirk, 144, beat debutant David Griffiths, Cardiff, 143¾, referee Pridding stopping the bout at 1:59 of round three when Griffiths was cut by the left eye following a clash of heads.
(03-16-85)
►**MAIDENHEAD—Crest Hotel**—Tony Britton, Lewisham, 162, stopped Mickey Kidd, 162, referee Roland Dakin intervening at 1:00 of round six in a scheduled eight twos when Kidd's left eye was practically shut and he was under pressure.

Spencer Cummings, Balham, 163, outpointed Nigel Prickett, 163, over six by 59½-58 on referee Dakin's card.

Jess Rumden, Plymouth, 137, drew with Dave Henderson, London, also 137, over six twos.

Theo Marious, Hackney, 153, beat Mike Sullivan, Plymouth, 152, who retired with an injured hand at the end of round three in a scheduled six. Sullivan had been down as the bell ended the round.
(03-15-85)
►**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—European welter champion Lloyd Honeyghan, Bermondsey, 146, oozed confidence in stopping American Roger Stafford, 148, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 2:58 of round nine in a scheduled 10.

Stafford was still on his feet, but was being outclassed when the end came, with Honeyghan miles ahead on points.

The American made little positive contribution to this contest. He was mostly content on survival, and Honeyghan was able to do as he liked, even switching to southpaw at times.

Body punches eventually took their toll as Stafford slowed almost to a standstill, and he found that Honeyghan's greater variety of punches and his speed were too much for the American. In round eight, Stafford took a left to the head and went down; it was ruled a slip.

Former European and Commonwealth light middleweight champion Herol Graham, 163, impressed in knocking out Frenchman Jose Rosemain, 163½, in 1:32 of round five in a scheduled 10. Graham had been punching away non-stop, and finally the Frenchman sank exhausted to the canvas, where referee O'Connell counted him out. It was the first time Rosemain had lost inside the distance.

There was one humorous incident in the opening session, when Rosemain landed a good punch; but it was the referee who took it. A pure accident, and referee O'Connell, unhurt, couldn't resist a chuckle.

But from then on the laughter stopped, and Rosemain was fighting for survival. He was down in round three (ruled a slip), and early in round five took a left to the chin that shook him. After that, it was just a matter of time.

Jim McDonnell, Stepney, 126, made it 13 in a row by stopping Belgian Haidar Nourredine, 128½, referee Roy Francis halting matters at the end of round one in a scheduled eight when the Belgian was cut by the left eye.

Over eight, Duke McKenzie, Croydon, 113, stretched his undefeated run to 10 by outpointing substitute Julio Guerrero, New York, 116, referee Francis scoring it 79½-77½.

A comfortable win, but the fight was marred by Guerrero's holding and misuse of the head—which brought him warnings. Both were told to tidy it up.

Alex Dickson, Larkhall, 138, outpointed Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 134, over six, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 59½-58½.

Gary Mason, Wandsworth, 233, kayoed Belgian Luc Goossens, 195, at 2:33 of the opening round. The Belgian took a right to the head and fell face downwards.
(03-06-85)
►**LONDON—Battersea Town Hall**—Conrad Oscar, Paddington, 163½, outpointed Doug James, Swansea, 167½, over eight, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 79-77½. Welsh champion James was a substitute and was marked by both eyes—yet put up a fine scrap which was warmly applauded.

Southern Area light heavyweight champion Sammy Reeson, 179¼, stopped Geoff Rymer, Hull, 175¼, referee Dakin intervening at 1:35 of round five in a scheduled eight when Rymer was cut by the right eye. Reeson looked in front.

Mark Mills, Croydon, 156¾, outpointed Karl BArwise, 160¼, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Paul McKenzie, Peckham, 138, beat John Daly, Northampton, 136, referee Snipe calling a halt at 1:55 of round three in a scheduled six with Daly under pressure after being decked in the opening round.

Lou Gent, Streatham, 178, gained a points win over Lee White, Morden, 185, referee Dakin scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos. Gent was cut by the left eye in round three.

Paul Dawson, Battersea, 137¾, outpointed Kenny Watson, Norwood, 139, over six twos, referee Snipe's card showing a narrow 59-58½. Some thought the margin was larger.
(02-26-85)
►**STAFFORD—Stychfields Hall**—Graham Clarke, Cardiff, 125, outpointed Shane Sylvester, West Bromwich, 123, referee John Coyle casting it 79-77½ over eight twos. Clarke finished strongly to gain a deserved verdict.

Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 129, drew with Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 128½, over six twos. Referee, John Coyle.

Gary Flear, Birmingham, 134½, narrowly outscored George Jones, Telford, 135, referee Jim Pridding's card showing 59½-59 after a fine six twos.

Roy Smith, Nottingham, 185, won every round on referee Coyle's card, outpointing Alex Romeo, Leicester, 186, over six twos by 60-57.
(02-21-85)
►**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Robert Dickie won the vacant Scottish featherweight title by knocking out John Sharkey, Glasgow, 124½. Referee Billy Rafferty counted Sharkey out at 2:15 in round two of a scheduled 10. He had been down previously for eight.

Alec Dickson, Larkhall, 138, kayoed Nick Day, Southampton, also 138, referee Rafferty applying the count at 1:58 of round seven in a scheduled eight. Day was down twice in round two, and again in round seven before the knockout.

Debutant Brian Holmes, Glasgow, 120, looked good in knocking out Freddie Potter, Southampton, 118, flooring him in round three, then applying the finisher in the fourth, referee Brian Donald completing the count after the bell had ended the round. A scheduled six twos.

Chris McCallum, Paisley, 133, stopped Denzil Goddard, Llanelli, 132, referee Donald interveing as the bell ended the opening session with Goddard in trouble.
(02-25-85)
►**LONDON—York Hall**—After nearly a year of inactivity, Mo Hussein, West Ham, 136¾, did well in stopping Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 137½, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:24 of round two in a scheduled eight. This confirmed a previous victory. Hussein had been down for eight.

David Dent, Camden Town, 143¼, kayoed Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 148, at 2:28 of round two in a scheduled eight. Pegler could not cope with his opponent's rapid and lethal punching, and took the count with his glove up to his right eye, which Dent found a successful target. Referee, Sid Nathan.

Michael Watson, Islington, 162½, stopped Johnny Elliott, Telford, 165, referee Tony Walker intervening at 1:20 of the eighth (two-min) and final round as Elliott went down. Nothing in it for four rounds, then Elliott was decked in rounds five, seven, and eight (twice).

Debutant Courtney Phillips, Battersea, stopped Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 156, referee Walker calling a halt at 0:40 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Heaver under pressure.

Paul Gamble, Canning Town, 162, didn't lose a round on referee Walker's card, outpointing Dave Scott, Telford, 168, by 60-57½ over six.
(02-26-85)
►**LONGFORD—Crest Hotel**—Denis O'Brien, Acton, 157,

stopped Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 160, referee Mike Jacobs intervening in round two of a scheduled eight twos after Lynch had been down four times.

Mike Durvan, Croydon, 138, stopped Dave Haggarty, Rhyl, 141, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 0:43 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos with Haggarty still upright but under pressure. A hectic encounter.

After nine months' inactivity, Steven Friel, Chiswick, 145, beat Con Cronin, Watford, 145, referee Dave Parris intervening at 0:30 of round three in a scheduled six twos when Cronin was cut by the left eye.

Debutant Serg Fame (formerly Ferthame), Paddington, 176, beat substitute David Furnaux, Plymouth, 180, the bout being stopped in round five when Furnaux was cut by the left eye and had been down twice.
(03-01-85)

►**WOLVERHAMPTON**—Substitute Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 143, beat Tony Willis, Birmingham, 136, the bout being stopped by referee Paul Thomas at 1:32 of round five in a scheduled eight when Willis was cut by the right eye.

Originally, Willis had been paired with Paul Chance in a final eliminator for the British lightweight title, but Chance had to withdraw owing to a family bereavement.

Opinions differed as to what had caused the eye injury. Willis claimed that it was a clash of heads, but Allen said it was a punch. It was anybody's fight at that stage.

Tony Wilson, Wolverhampton, 177, stopped Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 179, referee Thomas intervening at 2:35 of round five in a scheduled six with Burnett under pressure and holding on grimly, for which he was warned.

Rocky Lawlor, Birmingham, 120, narrowly outpointed Dai Williams, Merthyr, 120½, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 79-78½ after eight twos. Many thought Williams deserved at least a draw.

Mickey Lerwill, Telford, 145, outpointed Mark Sperin, Birmingham, 142, referee Pridding's card showing a narrow 59½-59 after an exciting six twos.

Tony Meszaros, Birmingham, 163, stopped Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 161½, referee Thomas intervening at 0:40 of round four in a scheduled six twos.

A draw was a popular result by referee Pridding after Vince Bailey, Birmingham, 141, and Gary Champion, Norwich, also 141, had produced a lively contest.
(02-28-85)

►**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Gary Flear, Birmingham, 134, beat Teddy Anderson, Wickford, 137, referee John Keane (who officiated throughout) intervening in round five of a scheduled eight twos when Anderson had stopped punching back.

Eamonn Payne, Norwich, 140, stopped Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 138, the bout being stopped in round five of a scheduled six twos with Bowen under pressure.

Another scheduled six twos that ended in round five saw Danny Glover, Sheffield, 140, stop Wayne Goult, Norwich, 138, who looked in trouble when the referee called a halt.

Wayne Poultney, Coventry, 138, drew with Oliver Henry, Norwich, 142, over six twos. A good bout to watch. Frankie Robinson, Wednesbury, 203, beat debutant Ralph Irvine, St. Pancras, 217, who was disqualified after 0:18 of round one for "refusing to stop boxing when ordered." Robinson was slumped over the ropes.
(03-04-85)

►**GLASGOW—Barrowland Ballroom**—A fine start by promoters Alex Morrison and Peter Ferguson, attracting a full house at this new venue. They were rewarded with an excellent crowd-pleasing draw between Bobby McDermott, Glasgow, 118, and Kevin Downer, also 118, awarded by referee Len Mullen after eight rounds.

After two years' inactivity, Tommy Cook, Larkhall, 139, outpointed Ron Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 139½, referee Mullen scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Dave Summers, Glasgow, 223½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mike Creasey Blackpool, 217, referee Mullen scoring it 60-57½ after six twos.

Andy Galloway, Wishaw, 141, outpointed Albert Buchanan, Dundee, 140, referee McCafferty's card showing 60-59½ after six, indicating that every round except one had been drawn.

Craig Windsor, Blantyre, 130, drew with Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, also 130, over six twos, referee McCafferty again officiating.
(03-01-85)

►**MANSFIELD—Leisure Centre**—Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 162, stopped Winston Wray, Bolton, 161, referee John Coyle calling a halt after 1:48 of round six in a scheduled eight with Wray under pressure.

Cut by the right eye in the opening session, Ian Priest, Alfreton, 211, threw caution to the winds and took the fight to his opponent in round two, referee Coyle intervening at 1:25 of the round with Priest having stopped punching back. It was a scheduled six twos.

Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 159, narrowly outpointed Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, also 159, referee Jim Pridding's card showing 59½-59 after six twos.

Gary Tomlinson, Chesterfield, 164, didn't lose a round in outpointing Paul Smith, Sheffield, referee Pridding scoring it 60-57½ after six twos. Smith was down in round four.

Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 144½, stopped Peter Phillips, Manchester, 148, referee Pridding intervening with only one second left of the scheduled six twos and Phillips under pressure.

Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 159, outpointed Dave Mowbray, Alfreton, 164, over six twos, referee Pridding casting it 59½-58½.
(03-01-85)

►**NOTTINGHAM—Leisure Centre**—Former Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace, Liverpool, advanced his bantamweight rating by stopping American Juan Castellanos, 117¾, referee Jack Coyle intervening at 1:48 of the eighth and final round with Juan under pressure. The American did his best to trade punches, but Wallace would not be denied, and went ahead decisively after the halfway mark, his combination punching being impressive.

Another quick win for Errol Christie, who took only 2:53 of the opening round in a scheduled 10 to stop substitute Ignacio Zavala of America, referee Coyle calling a halt after Zavala had been down and was taking punishment. Christie was in no mood to prolong matters, and, after setting his man up with left jabs, produced some lethal left hooks and following rights for which Zavala had no answer.

Steve Cook, Southend, 139, narrowly outpointed Ray Newby, Nottingham, 136, over eight, referee Brian Arnott scoring it 79½-79. Newby was cut by the left eye in round six and also bled from the nose.

Roy Smith, Nottingham, 181¼, outpointed Paul Newman, Bognor, 178, over six twos, referee Arnott casting it 60-57, indicating that Smith had won every round.

Gary Smith, Brighton, 156¼, outpointed Steve Ward, Nottingham, 161¾, referee Arnott's card showing 59½-58 after six twos.

Chubby Martin, Islington, 129½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Chris Pegg, Nottingham, 128, by 60-58 over six twos. Referee, Brian Arnott.
(03-07-85)

►**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Floored in the fifth and seventh, Sammy Sampson, 151, came back well to keep his unbeaten record and outpoint Steve Davies, Pembroke, 154, over eight, referee Ron Hackett scoring it a narrow 78½-78.

Another narrow winner was Sean O'Phoenix, Sheffield, 163, who outpointed Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 161, over six twos, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59-58½.

Chris McReedy, Liverpool, 137, didn't lose a round in outpointing Junaio Ausha, Ghana, over six twos, referee Garner casting it 60-58. It was Ausha's debut.

Gary Tomlinson, 159, outpointed David Scere, 163, over six, referee Hackett scoring it 59½-58. It was Scere's first bout for around two years, and he put up a good scrap, handicapped by a bleeding nose.
(03-11-85)

►**GLASGOW—Whitbread Sporting Club**—Bobby McDermott, Glasgow, 115¼, stopped Midlands Area flyweight champion Gary Roberts, Wolverhampton, 113½, referee Billy Rafferty intervening with one second left of round three in a scheduled eight. Roberts had been down twice.

Danny Lee, Greenock, 120, narrowly outpointed John Mwaimu, Manchester, also 120, referee Rafferty scoring it 79½-79 after eight twos. Lee was warned in round five for an alleged low blow, and was floored in round six by a right to the head, which caused a cut by the left eye. The verdict must have been very close.

Tommy Campbell, Blantyre, 150¾, outscored Claude Rosse, Derby, 152, referee Brian Donald casting it 79-78 over eight twos.

George Jones, Telford, 135, didn't lose a round in outpointing Tommy Cook, Larkhall, 137, referee Donald's card showing 60-58 after six twos. Too much holding spoilt the contest.
(03-11-85)

►**LEICESTER—Granby Halls**—Kirkland Laing, former British welter champ, continued his successful comeback by stopping Wo Lamani Wo, African based in Italy, 152, referee John Coyle intervening at 0:50 of round six in a scheduled eight with Wo hanging on to his opponent and having to be forcibly separated.

Substitute Wo was completely outclassed, and Laing was hitting him at will when the referee applied the closure.

Tony (brother of Kirkland) Laing, 139, won the vacant Midlands Area light welter title by beating Tony McKenzie, Leicester, referee Coyle halting matters at 0:24 of round eight in a scheduled 10 when McKenzie was cut by the left eye.

Mark (Tucker) Watts, 163, stopped Paul Smith, Sheffield, also 163, referee John Keane intervening at 1:43 of round four in a scheduled six when Smith was cut by the left eye. Watts looked in front anyway.

Steve Harwood, Leeds, 140, stopped Martin Bolton, 141, referee Keane calling a halt at 1:50 of round four in a scheduled six with Bolton under pressure.

Wayne Trigg, Newtown, 138, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 136, by a narrow 59-58½ on referee Keane's card.

Danny Glover, 142, outscored Graham Griffin, Corby, 145½, over six, referee Kean casting it 59½-58.
(03-15-85)

►**STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Dave Adams, Glasgow, 126, outpointed Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, referee Frank Parkes scoring 79-77½ after eight.

Steve Craggs, 147, outpointed Mike McKenzie, 146½, by 59-58 over six.

Jaswant Ark Singh, Derby, 136, outpointed John Faulkner, 135½, over six twos by a narrow 59-58½.

Wayne Poultney, 138, outpointed George Baigrie, 136, by 59-58 over six.

Danny Quiggs, 150, beat Seb Solomon, 149½, the bout being stopped at 1:13 of round two in a scheduled six when Solomon was cut by the left eye.

Referee Frank Parkes officiated throughout.
(03-13-85)

►**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Charlie Watson, Bradford, 148, beat Colin Neagle, Merthyr, 150, referee Harry Warner calling a halt at 2:31 of round five in a scheduled six when substitute Neagle was cut by the left eye.

Paul Kelly, Doncaster, 152, didn't lose a round in outpointing Tony Smith, Liverpool, also 152, over eight, referee Warner scoring it 80-77½.

Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 128, didn't lose a round in outpointing Carl Gaynor, Manchester, also 128, over six, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 60-58. Gaynor had been inactive for over a year.

Gypsy Johnny, Rhyl, 119, outpointed debutant Chris Clarkson, Hull, also 119, over four twos by 39½-38½.
(03-18-85)

►**MANCHESTER—New Century Hall**—After 18 months inactivity, Eddie Smith, Manchester, 162½, beat Tony Burke, Croydon, 163, who retired with a damaged mouth at the end of round five in a scheduled eight. Burke opened in promising fashion, but the longer the fight went the more Smith took command. Referee, Harry Warren.

Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 168, narrowly outpointed Mike Farghaly, Manchester, 172, over eight, referee Warner casting it a narrow 79-78½.

Mike Whalley, Manchester, 129, stopped Steve Pollard, Hull, also 129, referee Warner intervening at 0:56 of the eighth and final round with Pollard under pressure.

Debutant Brian Roche, Bacup, 136½, stopped Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 138, referee Ron Hackett calling a halt at 2:08 of round three in a scheduled six. Keers was down twice.

Steve Farnsworth, Sheffield, 128, beat Les Walsh, Manchester, 128½, referee Hackett intervening at 0:56 of the eighth and final round when Walsh was cut by the left eye.

Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 144, beat Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 145, who retired at the end of round four with an injured right hand.
(03-12-85)

►**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Gordon Pratt, Stockton, 148, narrowly outpointed Cliff Donville, 149, referee Ron Hackett casting it 78-77½ after eight. Pratt was cut by the left eye, which needed four stitches.

Chris McCreedy, Liverpool, 142, outpointed Mark Duffy, Leeds, 144, over six by 59½-58. Duffy did well, considering he had been inactive for 18 months.

Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, outpointed Des Gargano, Manchester, 125½, over six by 59-58 on referee Keith Gardner's card. Gargano was down twice.

Terry Gilbey, Hull, 166, outpointed Joe Deans, Huddersfield, also 166, by 59½-58½ on referee Gardner's card after six twos. It was Deans' first contest in a year and a half.
(03-18-85)

RON OLVER

AFRICA

IVORY COAST

►**ABIDJAN**—Zimbabwe's Proud Kilimanjaro retained his African Boxing Union heavyweight title by outpointing Mary Konate, 12.

Lexter Boucaud kayoed Sana Kabore in the second, junior welters.

Karim Quattara knocked out Jacques Martucci in round two, welterweights.
(02-01-85)

SENEGAL

►**DAKAR**—Michel Moukory outscored Soumalia Doumbia, eight, middleweights.
(03-02-85)

ZIMBABWE

►**MUTARE—Sakubva Stadium**—Zimbabwe and All-Africa heavyweight champion Proud Kilimanjaro successfully

retained his title with a fifth round knockout of challenger Captain Marvel. Kilimanjaro (106 kg) punished his game challenger throughout and the referee rescued Marvel in 1:12 of the fifth.

Former Zimbabwean featherweight champion Ray Akway stopped Leon Chiwaya in 2:40 of the first stanza. Two rights to the head followed by a solid punch to the body put Chiwaya out for the count.

Zimbabwe dual light and welter titleholder Langton Tinago, who holds a decision over former world lightweight champion Ken Buchanan amongst many others, proved far too experienced for Jack Jackson and stopped his opponent in the fifth round of a non title fight.

Gilbert Josamu well outpointed Alex Disaster in a scrambling six round middleweight contest.
(01-01-85)

►**HARARE**—Zimbabwe and former Rhodesian lightheavyweight champion Kid Power has announced his retirement. He turned professional in 1974 and in 1976 won the Rhodesian lightheavyweight title with a hard fought win over veteran Mohammed Tar Baby. In his 10 year career Power had but 27 bouts, meeting such opponents as Littie Mwale (Zambia), Robbie Williams (South Africa), and Roy Skeldon (Britain). In his last fight, he unsuccessfully challenged Proud Kilimanjaro for the latter's Zimbabwe and All-Africa heavyweight crown, losing a 12 round decision.
(02-01-85)

PETER STERNBERG

ORIENT

JAPAN

►**OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Kenbun Taiho, 110, the WBA's 10th ranked junior flyweight, and Yuto Kazaki, also 110, drew, 10. Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi, 96-95, Kazaki; judge Nobumitsu Inukai, 97-96, Taiho; judge Hiroyoshi Yasuda, 95-95.

Kazaki had lost his last three bouts by kayo, but looked sharp against the sluggish Taiho. A point deduction for low blows in the ninth round actually cost Yuto the fight.

Taiho, who entered the WBA's top 10 with an upset nod over former Japanese champion Tetsumi Takeshita last year, is now 10-1-3 with four kayoes. Kazaki is 8-4-1 with five knockouts.

Masayoshi Matsuura, 125½, the Japanese Boxing Commission's ninth ranked featherweight, outscored Tomikazu Kanashiro, eight. The lanky Matsuura is now 7-4-1 with three kayoes.

Michio Kawakami, 122¼, dropped Junya Hamada, also 122¼, and stopped him at 2:03 of the second round in their scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Katsumi Komiyama, 107¾, and Shinsuke Nishimura, 105¾, drew. Tadahide Inoue, 145, TKO'd Satoru Matsuda, 146¼, at 1:20 of the second. Seiichi Katayama, 117¾, won a majority decision over Osamu Fukumoto, 116½. Katsumi Nonoguchi, 134, halted Kanji Shinohara, also 134, at 2:21 of the first round. Masaru Iene, 116¾, stopped Kengo Yamamoto, 117¼, with two knockdowns in 2:21 of the first. Shigehito Hayashi, 117¼, and Takuji Hijiri, also 117¼, drew in the opener.

Kazama Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,300.
(02-12-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Winners in the East and West Japan Zones met in the finals of the 31st annual *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tournament.

Junior Flyweight: Hiroyuki Miyata, 107¾, won a unanimous decision over taller Tukinari Oshiro, 106¾, a southpaw, six. Miyata, an 18-year-old high school student, is now 7-0 with three kayoes. Oshiro is 8-1 with four knockouts.

Flyweight: Southpaw Masayuki Takahashi, 111¾, knocked out Shinichi Sugita, also 111¾, with a right hook in 2:03 of the first round in therr scheduled six. Takahashi, coached by former flyweight champ Shoji Oguma, is now 7-0 with four knockouts. Sugita is 8-3-1 with three kayoes.

Junior Bantamweight: Koheita Tanaka, 114¾, won a close but unanimous decision over Yosuke Matsuoka, also 114¾, six. Tanaka, 19, is now 7-2-1 with four kayoes. Matsuoka, 20, is 9-2 with four knockouts.

Bantamweight: Hisao Ishido, 117, won a close nod over Shigenobu Nakamasa, 116½, six. Ishido, the brother of hard punching lightweight Tadashi Ishido, is now 8-1-1 with four kayoes. Nakamasa, a clever defensive boxer, is 5-1 with four knockouts. Ishido was exhausted in the last three rounds; he must improve his stamina.

Junior Featherweight: Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi, 120¼, TKO'd Fumihiro Iwakawa, 122, at 1:18 of the second round in their scheduled six. The 19-year-old Nomaguchi, who came off the deck to win, is now 8-1 with five kayoes. Iwakawa is 5-1-1 with three knockouts.

Featherweight: Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, 125¼, became the first American to win a *Shinjin-o* tournament when he pummeled Kaneto Kimura, 125½, into submission in 2:07 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Mark, a Black American, turned pro here in Japan while working at Misawa Base Camp. He has shown devastating power, and is now 5-0 with four knockouts. Mark, moreover, was named Best *Shinjin-o* Winner of the year. The game Kimura is now 6-1 with one kayo.

Junior Lightweight: Satotaka Suhara was declared the winner when his scheduled opponent withdrew due to an injury.

Lightweight: Hiroaki Motohashi, 134¼, TKO'd Kazuo Tahara, 133¼, at the end of five rounds in their scheduled six. Motohashi, 18, is now 5-1 with two knockouts. Tahara is 4-1 with one kayo.

Junior Welterweight: Shark Ishihara, 137¼, won a unanimous decision over southpaw Iwao Fukui, 139, six. Ishihara, 30-8 as an amateur, is now 4-0 with three knockouts in the pro ranks. Fukui, down in the first, second, and fourth rounds, is 5-1 with two kayoes.

Welterweight: Yoshiji Mizoguchi was declared the winner when his scheduled opponent withdrew due to an injury.

Middleweight: Reijiro Tsuzuki was declared the winner when his scheduled opponent withdrew due to an injury.

All-Japan *Shinjin-o* Committee.

Attendance—3,000 (estimated). TV Tokyo.
(02-16-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Kazuo Osamu, 121½, the JBC's sixth ranked junior featherweight, TKO'd Shunsuke Soma, also 121½, at 2:04 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Referee Takeo Ugo gave Soma a standing eight-count in the sixth round.

Osamu, decked in round two, is now 15-3-2 with nine kayoes. Soma, last year's *Shinjin-o* winner, is 8-2 with seven knockouts.

Yoshiyuki Uchida, 112¼, the JBC's third ranked junior flyweight, won a very close decision over Tsutomu Kawakami, 112½, 10. Uchida, who needs to improve his defense, is now 17-1-1 with 15 kayoes. Kawakami is 5-10-3 with one knockout.

Keiichi Ozaki, 120¾, won a split decision over Taichi Okada, 121½, six.

Four-rounders: Southpaw Yasuo Jinde, 125¾, kayoed Akihito Kaname, 127, in 2:27 of the first round. Takeshi yyasuma, 125, won a close duke over Kazunori Takehara, 125¾, in the opener.

Kaigai Times/Kamifukuoka Promotions.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated). TBS TV.
(02-25-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Up-and-coming Tadashi Shimabukuro, 119½, knocked out Kiyoshi Oyama, 120¼, with a shot to the body in 2:21 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Takeshi Shimakawa, referee.

Shimabukuro, 21, is now 8-0-1 with six kayoes. Oyama, 32, is 16-13-6 with nine knockouts.

Kiyoshi Sasaki, 132½, kayoed Kirofumi Minami, also 132½, in 2:14 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Sasaki is now 13-3-1 with four knockouts. Minami is 3-3 with one kayo.

Kazuki Higa, 117½, won a unanimous decision over Shotgun Suzuki, 118, the JBC's eighth ranked bantamweight, 10. Higa, 24, is now 12-2 with six kayoes. Suzuki, 22, is 6-3-2 with two knockouts.

Nobuharu Sekine, 126, knocked out Ryu Misato, also 126, with a right hook in 2:34 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Sekine is now 10-1 with six kayoes.

Four-rounders: Southpaw Yuhei Noguchi, 117½, won a unanimous decision over Nobuyoshi Ebina, 117¾. Hidenobu Sasaki, 155, halted Hiroyuki Yoshino, 157, in 0:55 of the first. Yuji Miyamoto, 129, won a majority duke over Masanari Ishii, 128¼. Jun Yonesaka, 116¾, stopped Shigeo Arakawa, 118, at 1:30 of the second round in the opener.

Misako/Ishikawa Promotions.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated). Fuji TV.
(02-28-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Eiji Kimura, 151½, the JBC's fifth ranked welterweight, decked taller Manabu Hiura, also 151½, twice and stopped him at 2:48 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Kimura, 23, is now 9-0-1 with eight kayoes. Kiura, 28, is 3-6 with two knockouts.

Norio Hasegawa, 120¼, won a majority (78-77 twice and 78-78) decision over Hiroshi Yamamoto, 119, the JBC's top bantamweight contender, eight. Hasegawa, 24, is now 8-5-4 with two kayoes. Yamamoto, 27, is 11-8-2 with five knockouts.

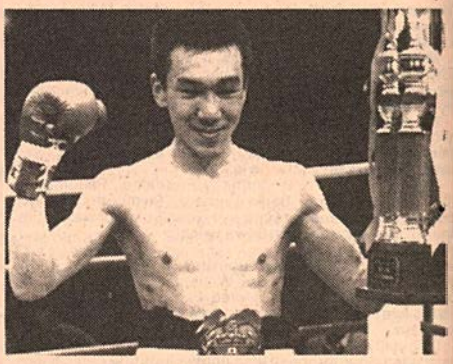
Katsu Yoshimoto, 112, won an upset unanimous decision over Keiji Sato, 111¾, in the evening's first eight-rounder.

Takayoshi Chino, 134, stopped Tomoyuki Oya, 134¼, at 0:37 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Tadahiro Taneda, 122, stopped Minoru Komine, 121½, at 1:06 of the first round. Tomoyuki Rokuhara, 145, outpointed Shinji Kimura, also 145. Satoru Yoshida, 107, won a majority decision over Tsuyoshi Tsuji, 106½, in the opener.

King Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,500 (estimated).
(03-04-85)



Japanese flyweight champion Kazuo Katsuma, recent TKO winner over former WBC flyweight boss Koji Kobayashi.

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese flyweight champion Kazuo Katsuma, 116, TKO'd former WBC flyweight titlist Koji Kobayashi, also 116, at 0:45 of the 12th and final round. This was advertised as an eliminator, the winner to receive a shot at WBC super flyweight champion Jiro Watanabe.

It was total war—easily the Fight of the Month in Japan. Katsuma caught Kobayashi with a stunning right to drop him in the eighth and forced him to take a standing eight-count later in the round. The gutsy southpaw battled back and won the ninth frame. Katsuma then came back to win the 10th and 11th rounds, overwhelming Kobayashi with a flurry of blows that forced referee Ken Morita to stop the bout in the 12th.

Scoring after 11: referee Morita, 106-104; judge Shoji Nakamori, 107-104; judge Kazunobu Asao, 105-104—all for the winner. Katsuma, 26, is now 17-8-1 with 12 kayoes. Kobayashi is 24-3-3 with 15 knockouts.

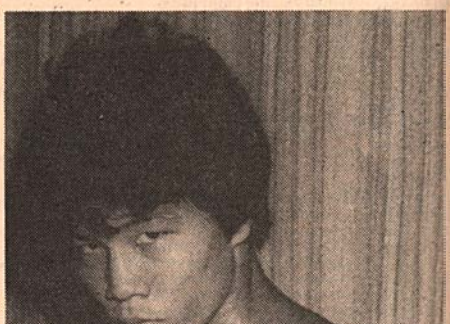
Former Japanese flyweight champion Kazuyoshi Funaki, 112, won a split decision over Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, also 112, 10. Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida, 99-96, Funaki; judge Ken Morita, 99-97, Funaki; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-97, Uchikoshi. Funaki is now 11-10-3 with four knockouts. Uchikoshi, 26, is 12-6-2 with five kayoes.

Kenji Ono, 108, won a unanimous decision over former Japanese junior flyweight champion Tadashi Kuramochi, 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki and judge Shoji Nakamori, both 100-94; judge Ken Morita, 100-96. Kuramochi, making his first start since losing to WBC champion Jung-Koo Chang, looked extremely sluggish. Ono, 25, is now 12-7-2 with five knockouts. Kuramochi, 21, is 12-3-2 with five kayoes.

Four-rounders: Mitsuyuki Murakami, 121½, and Kazuhiko Nishioka, 121¾, drew. Hirohiko Yabuki, 112, and Tatsuya Seto, also 112, drew. Koichi Tachibana, 146, won a majority nod over Masatoshi Takeshi, 146¾. Tomoaki Kobayashi, 111¾, outscored Akihide Uehara, 115½. Toshio Ozawa, 106½, stopped Makoto Katami, 107¼, at 1:48 of the second round in the opener.

Shinto Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—3,200 (estimated).
(03-05-85)



Shuichi Hozumi retained his Japanese flyweight crown with a close, but unanimous, decision over Tetsumi Takeshita.

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Lanky Shuichi Hozumi, 112, retained his Japanese flyweight title with a close unanimous decision over former junior flyweight titlist Tetsumi Takeshita, also 112, 10. Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 97-95; judges Takeshi Kanaya and Takeo Ugo,

both 97-96. *The Ring* had it 97-95, Takeshita.

Takeshita scored well with stinging lefts, and floored the champ with a short counter right in the eighth session. Hozumi looked a little nervous and lacked his usual zip. He won the last two rounds to capture the official verdict.

Hozumi, the WBC's 14th ranked flyweight, is now 27-3 with seven knockouts. Takeshita is 11-3-1 with nine kayoes. Good fight.

Masato Tanaka, 111¾, stopped Jun Hoki, 112, with two knockdowns in 1:39 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight. Tanaka is now 6-4 with three knockouts. Hoki is 6-2-2 with five kayoes.

Yutaka Tsunoda (previously known as Masayoshi Harada), 112, outpointed Masahiko Kubota, 109¼, six.

Four-rounders: Hiroshi Morozumi, 110¾, ran his log to 3-0 by stopping Hajime Hino, also 110¾, at 2:34 of the second. Hiroaki Kanaya, 115, outscored Haruhiko Tanisono, 114¼. Mitsuhiro Sugisaki, 141½, outpointed Ryoji Sueyoshi, 143½. Tamehiro Oda, 135, TKO'd Masanao Aihara, 134¼, at 2:32 of the fourth and final session. Kazushige Shibuya, 125¾, halted Yukio Ichinomiya, 125¼, at 2:45 of the first.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).

(03-07-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The scheduled main event between Kuniyoshi Kuwabara and unbeaten Korean Chung-Won Chung was cancelled. Chung was unable to arrive in Japan in time, so Kuwabara engaged in a sparring session with Takeshi Mitsu, the JBC's second ranked featherweight, instead.

Yukihiro Kimura, 118, TKO'd Kazuya Kadoi, 118¾, at 1:54 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Kazuhiko Akari, 116½, outpointed Tomokichi Kadoi, 115¾, six. Akari is now 7-1 with four kayoes.

Kinya Nakamura, 108, outscored Koichi Shirakawa, also 108, six.

Four-rounders: Kyoichi Anami, 111, halted Katsuyuki Yamai, 110¾, at 1:33 of the fourth and final canto. Toshimitsu Ano, 122, outscored Yoshio Kobayashi, also 122. Manabu Saijo, 111, halted Soichi Kanetaka, 112, at 2:43 of the third round. Hiroyuk Takeuchi, 145¾, stopped Tatsuya Nobuse, 145, at 1:01 of the first round. Mitsuo Tokumaru, 115, halted Hiroyuki Asano, also 115, at 0:22 of the third round in the opener.

Keihin Kawasaki Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200 (estimated).

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF welterweight champ Jun-Sok Hwang, the WBC's seventh ranked contender at 149¼, battered Filipino Lucio Jasmines, also 149¼, dropped him in the seventh canto and halted him at 0:25 of the 10th and final round.

Hwang is now 30-2 with 18 knockouts. Lucio fell to 12-3 with eight kayoes.

Sang-Shik Kim, 141¾, registered an upset kayo over Keun-Yung Nam, the KBC's number eight junior welterweight at 141, at 2:23 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Chong-Ho Shin, 116½, decisioned Sung-Duk Kim, also 116½, six.

Bok-Youl Kim, 158½, was awarded a technical decision over Kuk-Shik Yang, 158, in the fifth session of a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Kang Choi, 127¼, outscored Sung-Hyun Park, also 127¼. Jang-Youl Yuh, 116¾, decisioned Kil-Sow Lee, also 116¾, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(02-10-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Won Chung, a rising flyweight at 114¼, pounded out a unanimous decision over Keum-Sup Han, 114, ten. Chung had scored an upset decision over Soon-Jun Kang, the then WBC seventh ranked contender, on December 8. This was his first appearance since that victory. Bi-Wong is now 14-4-2 with three kayoes. Han is 11-14-7 with one knockout.

Jun How, 109¼, stopped Bong-Jun Kim, 109, at 0:50 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Kwang-Soo Kim, 116¾, decisioned Kwon-Hyung Nah, 116½, six. Sam-Ja Kim, 113½, won from Hyung-Yun Shim, 114¼, six. Won-Kyung Kim, 127½, disposed of Yung-Hyung Lee, 127¼, at 2:20 of the third canto in a scheduled six.

Ryung-Chul Park, 128¾, finished Ja-Hun Kim, 148½, at 1:45 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Wang-Sup Lee, 161½, halted Byung-In Chang, 161¾, at 2:00 of the third session in the opener.

Kangpo Promotions.

(02-16-85)

►**SEOUL**—Jang-Kyun Oh, the Korean Commission's top ranked bantamweight contender at 117, came off the canvas in the fourth round to stop Japanese Hiroaki Kato, 116¾, at 1:49 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Oh dropped his game opponent with straight rights in the second and fatal rounds. Oh upped his log to 13-3-2 with six kayoes. Kato fell to 9-10 with two knockouts.

Oh-Kyu Chang, 131¾, outscored Hyun-Il Kim, 131¼, 10. Chang, the KBC's eighth ranked junior lightweight, is now 12-3-2 with three kayoes. Kim is 6-4-2 with two knockouts.

Yung-Hyun Han, 110¼, stopped In-Soo Kim, 109¾, at 2:12 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Ki-Chang Kim, 116¼, halted Yun-Bok Hwang, 115¾, at 2:17 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Jin-Shik Kim, 127½, won from Chae-Il Cho, also 127½. Yung-Kyo Yim, 136, stopped Hong-Sun Kim, 136¼, at 2:09 of the third session. No-Sung Choi, 110¼, halted Min-Ung Suh, 110¼, at 1:30 of the third canto. Sang-Hyun Han, 110¼, decisioned Ki-Yung Yan, 110¼. Jung-Ho Kang, 109¾, finished Hak-Pil Kim, 110¼, at 2:17 of the third round in the opener.

Palpal Promotions.

(02-16-85)

►**SUWON—Suwon Indoor Gymnasium**—Formerly rated ninth in the WBA's lightweight ratings, Heung-Sok Yuy, 136¾, outscored Filipino Bert Lozano, also 136¾, ten. Yuh is 22-1-3 with sixteen kayoes. He deserves a shot at Dong-Koo Woo's Korean title or Filipino Jongjong Pacquing's OPBF crown.

Sung-Yun Kim, 135½, decisioned Yang-Ki Lee, 135¼, eight.

Bong-Ho Choi, 124¼, stopped Nam-Soo Lee, 124¼, at 1:17 of the seventh round in their scheduled eight.

Jae-Mun Yuh, 127¾, outscored Suk-Kwon Lee, 127½, eight.

Jin-Suk Chang, 127¾, lost to Jae-Yong Hwang, 127¾, eight.

Ki-Chul Gu, 116, decisioned Jong-Ho Song, 116¾, in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(02-17-85)

►**SEOUL**—Upset! OPBF middleweight kingpin Kyung-Min Nah, 162¼, was knocked out by Korean champ Chang-Hwan Noh, 161, in 1:41 of the fourth round in a non-title 10.

Nah, 15-1 with as many knockouts, had been a prohibitive favorite, as Noh only had a 6-5-1 record with one kayo. Kyung-Min, however, revealed his fragile chin.

Won-San Kang, 136¾, drew with Bong-Chun Park, 137¼, eight. Jin-Ho Kim, 137¼, decisioned Byung-Sok Park, 135¾, eight.

Won-Ke Shim, 118½, stopped Chong-Gu Moon, 118¾, at 2:09 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Chong-Soo Choi, 111, won from Ki-Jung Lee, also 111, six.

Byung-Yun Kim, 129¾, disposed of Il-Gu Ji, 130, at 1:34 of the sixth round.

Four rounders: Yung-Bae Park, 115¾, decisioned Hong-Yup Choi, 116¼. Sok-Bong Kim, 115½, drew with Sung-Hyun Kwak, 115¾, in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(02-19-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chung-Won Chung, the Korean junior lightweight champ at 131¾, ran his unbeaten log to 17-0 with 10 kayoes as he demolished Filipino Al Duran, 132, in 0:58 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Rae-Ki Ahn, the KBC's top flyweight contenderat 113, stopped Ha-Shik Lim, the number two junior fly, 113½, at 2:06 of the seventh round in the semi-final 10.

The first 10 saw Chae-Oh Kwon, 113½, tab his third pro bout since he turned pro and halted Suk-Bong Kim, 113½, at 2:50 of the sixth. Kim fell to 11-2 with two kayoes.

Rang-Gu Park, 140¾, finished Chul-Kyu Kim, 139, at 1:17 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

Duk-Bong Kim, 141¾, decisioned Sou-Pal Kim, 142¼, eight.

Yong-Man Cha, 114¼, drew with Yoo-Kwon Kim, 114¾, in the scheduled four-round opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(02-23-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF junior flyweight champ Myung-Woo Yuh, 108, dropped Indonesian kingpin Tubagus Jaya, 107¼, twice and disposed of him at 2:57 of the third round to retain his title.

Yuh, the WBC's 10th ranked contender, is now 17-0 with three kayoes. Jaya dropped to 16-5 with one kayo.

Hang Park, 132¼, decisioned Sun-Hwan Suh, 132, 10. Park, the KBC's ninth ranked junior lightie, is now 13-5 with five kayoes. Suh is 9-5-1 with three knockouts.

Byung-Soo Park, 127½, decisioned Chóng-Sung Koh, 127¾, eight.

Sam-Yong Kim, 121, stopped Jun-Hak Lee, 120½, at 2:34 of the second session in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Yung-Joo Yang, 121, stopped Jae-Han Yuh, 120½, at 1:13 of the first round. Ok-Nam Kim, 109¼, was a kayo winner over Ju-Dong Kim, 110¾, at 2:02 of the fourth and final round in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(02-24-85)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

►**MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—John Matienza, 118¾, TKO'd Rudy Gande, 120, in the fifth round of a scheudled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Cecilio Tutor, 108½, won a unanimous nod over Dummy Ursua, Jr., 112, 10.

Abel Magracia, 119½, decisioned Rudy Casicas, 119½, 10.

Dommy Ciroulado, 124, outscored Ben Samson, 125, 10.

Bobby Castillo, 120½, decisioned Bobby Pinos, 123½, eight.

Paul Torres, 108½, won from Felipe Brasil, 110, six.

Gil Lucban, 115½, outscored Romy Patusa, 116, six.

Bob Atienza, 132, decisioned Ceelo Ancog, 133, six.

Four rounders: Edward Ordonio, 112, TKO'd Bonnie Sanchez, 109, in the third round. Oscar Reyes, 122, won a majority duke over George Olan-Olan, 122. Alex dela Rosa, 109½, won from Felix Enero, 112, in the opener.

Felimon Vasquez, promoter.

Benedicto Ronquillo and Vedasto Adriano, GAB witnesses.

(12-14-84)

►**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**—Morris Pastor, 123, brother of ex-OPBF lightweight champ Fred Pastor, won a unanimous nod over Rito Donayre, 120, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Romy Austria, 112, outscored Dommy Ursua, Jr., also 112, 10.

Boy Reyes, 132, outscored Albert Saxon, also 132, in the eight-round opener.

Antonio Esguerra, promoter.

Vedasto Adriano and Voltair Reverente, GAB witnesses.

(12-22-84)

►**TIAONG, QUEZON**—Abel Magracia, 120, pounded out a unanimous decision over Rey Arceta, also 120, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Wick Tengam, 122, unanimously decisioned Sandy Noora, 122½, 10.

John Calanogan, 114, won from Mar Timbal, 114, eight.

Majie Ronna, 122½, TKO'd Bon Hermo, 122, at 1:37 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Jun Llano, 120, stopped Carlito Andaya, 120, at 2:30 of the final round in the four-round opener.

Gerego Garcia, promoter.

Benedidcto Ronquillo, GAB witness.

(12-30-84)

►**CAVITE CITY**—Bert Lozano, 138, the GAB's top lightweight contender, caught Lorenzo Nabuab, 135, and finished him at 2:30 of the 10th and final round. Oscar Reyes refereed. Lozano is entitled to fight for the vacant Filipino crown; Jongjong Pacquing relinquished the title after taking the OPBF throne from Indonesian Juari.

Max Boy Toyogon, 136, knocked out Jun Bautista, 136, in 2:12 of the opening canto in the semi-final 10.

Tacy Macialos, 109, won a unanimous nod over Joel Advincula, 110, eight.

Four rounders: Alex de la Rosa, 112, stopped Omar Maca, 111, at 2:25 of the third round. Dan Villa, 128, TKO'd Natonio Labatan, 127½, at 1:00 of the first round. Rolly Urbistondo, 128, kayoed Cesar Ranugot, 127½, 0:25 of the second round. Romy Roasales, 108, eked out a split duke over Ricardo Chavez, 108½, in the opener.

Eduardo Manicio, promoter.

Carlos Roman and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.

(01-04-85)

►**ZAMBOANGA CITY**—Jun Ulgasan, 130, was awarded a unanimous decision over Donie Evangelio, also 130, 10.

Diomedes Tabo-Tabo, promoter.

(01-06-85)

►**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Robinson Cabusao, 113, scored a sixth round TKO over Little Carupo, also 113, in a scheduled 10.

Sil Arcillas, 140, eked out a split decision over Fernando Gloria, also 140, 10.

Eusebio Alamario, Jr., promoter.

(01-12-85)

►**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ed Inocencio, 110, the Filipino junior flyweight champ, outscored Raul Noble, also 110, 10.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(01-12-85)

►**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Loremer Pontino, 115, the GAB's top ranked junior bantam contender, stopped Gil Ragas, 116, in the second round in a scheduled 10.

Edwin Projo, the GAB's second ranked junior flyweight at 112, took a unanimous decision over George Yuson, 111, 10.

Al Tan Lee, Filipino top junior flyweight contender at 114, was a unanimous points winner over Efren Lumayok, 118, despite their weight difference, 10.

Carlos Parcia, 137, earned a unanimous nod over Dario Melida, 137, in the first 10.

Natividad Cabreros, promoter.

(01-13-85)

►**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, the GAB's top bantamweight contender at 120, fought to a majority draw with Rudy Cabiles, 123, 10.

Benhur Bedia, promoter.

(01-13-85)

►**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Busy campaigner Joe Hiyas, the GAB's third ranked junior bantamweight, 120½, chalked up a sixth round TKO over Johnny Gallardo, 118, in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Momong Manaay, 126½, took a unanimous nod over Flash Jordan, 127½, in the semi-final 10.

Rolando Bohol, 112, decisioned John Calanogan, 113, eight.

Joseph Ladipe, 113, won from Mar Timbal, 114½, eight.

Sugar Ray Adonis, 130, scored a fine TKO over Cielo Ancog, 131, at 2:34 of the sixth and final round.

Danny Duran, 112½, unanimously decisioned Julius Oligario, 113, six.

Four rounders: Ronnie Valescas, 107½, won over Eddie Dulay, 109. Jun Ranan, 120, decisioned Bert Granciosa, also 120, in the opener.

WORLD RATINGS
BY THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION
(As of March 7, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (U.S.)
1. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
2. Gerrie Coetzee (South Africa)
3. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
4. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
5. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
6. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
7. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
8. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
9. James Broad (U.S.)
10. Mitchell Green (U.S.)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Piet Crous (South Africa)
1. Dwight Braxton (U.S.)
2. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
3. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
4. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
5. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
6. Prince Mama Muhammad (Uganda)
7. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
8. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
9. Randy Stephens (U.S.)
10. S.T. Gordon (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
2. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
3. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
4. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
5. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
6. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
7. Jim MacDonald (U.S.)
8. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
9. David Sears (U.S.)
10. Don LaLonde (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. James Shuler (U.S.)
2. James Kinchen (U.S.)
3. Joug DeWitt (U.S.)
4. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
5. Donald Lee (U.S.)
6. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
7. Sumbu Kalambay (Zaire)
8. John Collins (U.S.)
9. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
10. Louis Acaries (France)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike McCallum (U.S.)
1. David Braxton (U.S.)
2. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
3. John Mugabi (Uganda)
4. Davey Moore (U.S.)
5. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
6. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
7. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
8. Sean Mannion (U.S.)
9. Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
10. Duane Thomas (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
2. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
3. Harold Volbrecht (South Africa)
4. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
5. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
6. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
7. Pedro Vilella (U.S.)
8. David Hilton (Canada)
9. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
10. Junya Kushikino (Japan)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gene Hatcher (U.S.)
1. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
2. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
3. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
4. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
5. Brian Baronet (South Africa)
6. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
7. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
8. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
9. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
10. Lonnie Smith (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Livingstone Bramble (U.S.)
1. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
2. Geronimo Luquez (Argentina)
3. Hector Camacho (U.S.)
4. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
5. Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
6. Ray Mancini (U.S.)
7. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
8. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
9. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
10. Orlando Romero (Peru)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
1. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
2. Tomas Rodriguez (Puerto Rico)
3. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
4. Isaiah Ikhoni (Japan)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U.S.)
7. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
8. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
9. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
10. Brian Mitchell (South Africa)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
1. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
2. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
3. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
4. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
5. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
6. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
7. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
8. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
9. Irving Mitchell (U.S.)
10. Richard Savage (U.S.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
1. Leonardo Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
2. Loris Stecca (Italy)
3. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
4. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
7. Jose Meneses (Panama)
8. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
9. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
10. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Richard Sandoval (U.S.)
1. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
2. Chan-Yong Park (Korea)
3. Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
4. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
5. Enrique Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
6. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
7. Benito Badilla (Chile)
8. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
9. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
10. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)
1. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
2. Eusebio Espinal (Dom. Rep.)
3. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
4. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
5. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
6. Oscar Bolivar (Colombia)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Jose Chacon (Panama)
9. Payao Poontarat (Thailand)
10. Elly Pical (Indonesia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Santos Laciar (Argentina)
1. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Antoine Montero (France)
4. Alonzo Gonzalez (U.S.)
5. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
6. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
7. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
8. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
9. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
10. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Joey Olivo (U.S.)
1. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Rep.)
3. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
4. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
5. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
6. Dong-Yong Hwang (Korea)
7. Moon-Jin Choi (Korea)
8. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
9. Kenbun Taiho (Japan)
10. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)

Laura, S. Elorde, promoter.
Bendicto Ronquillo and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(01-16-85)

►**OLONGAPO CITY—Fil-Am Gym**—Ben Samson, 126, was held to a draw by Satr Dayanan, 126, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

arsenio Perez, Jr., 112, eked out a split decision over Dommy Ursua, Jr., also 112, in the first 10. Ursua has now suffered three consecutive setbacks.

Eder Olivetti, 118, TKO'd Ronnie Canelas, 118, at 1:55 of the third round. Oscar Reyes, Jr., 122, scored a TKO over Jack Ancheta, 120, at 1:22 of the second in the opener.

Marcita Martinez, promoter.
Vedasto Adriano, the GAB witness.
(01-17-85)

►**BAGUIO CITY—B.C.F. Gym**—Albert Saxon, 134, scored a TKO over Little Balsigan, 133, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Ramon Chan, 113½, was awarded a split decision over Boy Samson, 114½, in the semi-final 10.

Andy Saxon, 133, unanimously decisioned Nestor Tachado, also 133, 10.

Bert Pucay, 122, won from Rito Donayre, 122½, 10.

Danny Adangla, 126, outscored Boy Villa, 123, eight.

Rusky Binmangon, 114, won over Felipe Brazil, Jr., 110, six.

Four rounders: Sammy Baculong, 115, decisioned Ricardo Chavez, 107½. Carlito Duclas, 138, scored a TKO over Flash Simangen, 132, at 1:01 of the second in the opener.

Castillo Kiwang, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(01-19-85)

►**BAROY, LANAO DEL NORTE**—Flash Ursus, the GAB's second ranked junior lightweight at 130, showed his superior ringcraft in copping a unanimous decision over Ernie Nadal, 131, 10.

Rey Yabut, promoter.
(01-20-85)

►**ROXAS ORIENTAL MINDORO**—Tito Gregorio, 121, pounded out a unanimous decision over Ed Adame, 120, 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
(01-21-85)

►**LUTUPAN, TOLEDO CITY**—Benjie Miole, 114¾, earned a unanimous duke over Zaldy Baguio, 113¾, 10.

Roberto Edillo, promoter.
(01-26-85)

►**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Lito Pena, 135, won the vacant Filipino lightweight crown by taking a unanimous decision over Bert Lozano, 134¾, 12. Larry Nadayag refereed.

Thanks to this important triumph, Pena, piloted by Jesse Abrea (manager of Bobby Berna and Frank Cedeno), was named the GAB's Boxer of the Month.

Cecilio Tutor, 111, was given a technical decision over veteran Manaseh Base, also 111, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Amado cabato, 125, TKO'd Fred Basa, 126, in the seventh canto of their second 10.

Dommy Ursua, 111, won a unanimous decision over Efren Bantillan, also 111, 10.

Roger Obina, 122, won from Jimmy Nacalban, also 120. Felix Enero, 114½, earned a majority duke over Sammy Ansig, 113½. Tom Prestano, 114, TKO'd Vir Capiz, 114, at 2:59 of the third round in the opener.

Danilo Sta. Manila, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Benedicto Ronquillo.
(01-27-85)

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PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

►**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—The Australian junior lightweight title, vacant because of the retirement of Brian Schofield, has a new holder. He is Tony Miller, who soundly outpointed Sam Gibilisco over 12 rounds in a battle of undefeated boxers. Miller scaled 128½, Gibilisco 127½.

Miller out thought, out boxed, and out fought Gibilisco in a blistering 12-rounder. The crowd registered their approval with a large shower of notes and coins.

Referee Malcolm Bulner did not score. Judge Norm Foster tallied 117-112, judge Bryan Membrey carded 119-109, and judge Cliff Heaver had it 118-111.

Lester Ellis probably is our best junior lightweight, but he holds the IBF world title and the Commonwealth title in that division and is not interested in the Australian crown at this stage. Tony Miller, who can make featherweight, could well drop down a division to chase an international title.

Ellis is set to defend his IBF title on April 26 against Rod Sequenan of the Philippines. Sequenan is ranked the number one contender. Ellis won the IBF title on February 15 this year.

In the main support to Miller-Gibilisco, Darcy Ritchie, 154, halted Fijian Joe Nakui, 150, in round five. The contest was billed for ten rounds.

Originally, Ritchie was billed to fight Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin for the Victoria State junior middleweight title; but Austin had an elbow infection and failed to pass the doctor. Nakui, who had been in Australia only a couple of days, substituted. No knockdowns, but Richie was far too good and referee Gus Mercurio stopped the contest.

Graham Murray, who fights about every pancake day, made a comeback and met Mick King over six rounds. Murray scaled 169¾, King 167¼. Referee Malcolm Bulner crowned Murray in round three when King reeled back with a bad gash over his left eye. Murray then announced his retirement—again.

Rocky Pirrottina, 143¼, had to work hard and draw on his experience to outpoint pugnacious Bill Stevanovski, 145½, six. Referee was Johnny Wheeler.

Over four rounds, Brad Butler, 141, outpointed Joe Cutajar, 139, and Kevin Hargraves, 165½, outpointed Robert Devlin, 169. In three-rounders, Charlie Clarke, 155½, outpointed Sam Giordano, 157½; Nick Hatzil, 139½, drew with Pat Mudford, 128¾.

Ben and Cos Brizzi promoted. Crowd was about 1200.
(03-24-85)

QUEENSLAND

►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Dale Artango, probably Australia's next junior welterweight champion, had far too much on the ball for Filipino Mar Simbajon. Referee Alan Moore rescued the Filipino midway through round seven. Simbajon was outclassed, way out of his depth. Artango scaled 138¼, Simbajon 139¾. Artango is unbeaten as a pro.

Comebacking Leroy King, 152½, ran into someone too good in a 10 with Mark Janssen, 153½, younger brother of Brian Janssen. Referee Denzil Creed stopped the contest in round 10 and crowned Janssen.

Percy Israel, 130½, outpointed Russell Finn, 128, over 10, the scores being 99-98, 98-97, 99-95.

In a six, Shane Spencer, 134, outpointed Steve Peel, 139½.

In a four, Keith Arnold, 145, KO 2 El Merino, 142.

In another four, Mike Slivka, 134, halted Billy Facer, 138, in round two because of a cut eye.

Layton-Taylor promotion.
Crowd: about 1200.
(03-20-85)

►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Mark Janssen headed the bill this night and showed out very well. Scaling 152, he knocked out experienced Dave Sarago, heavy at 157½, in round seven.

Sarago was down in round five and counted out by Alan Moore at 2:50 of round seven. Janssen outboxed Sarago. A good performance.

New Zealander Musa Sione, who has been campaigning in Australia for just 12 months, stopped Dave Bellis in round four. Sions, 143, decked Bellis, 146, twice in round four. Bellis was on his feet taking it when referee Denzil Creed rescued him.

Alan Willoughby, 158, kayoed Noel Thornberry, 159, in round three of a six.

Keith Arnold, 144, outpointed Nick Paul, 146, four.

Layton-Taylor promotion.

Crowd small—only about 750.
(04-01-85)

NEW SOUTH WALES

►**MARRICKVILLE—Returned Soldiers Club**—Small promotion this one. Main event was over eight rounds and featured Rocky Fortuna and Dave Weule, 153, both prelim boys being given their chance to headline a bill. Fortuna, 163, won on points in an interesting bout. Billy Males refereed.

Joe Burruni, 169, outpointed Joe Vallis, 175, over six rounds that drew a big shower of notes and coins. One of best prelims in years.

In another six, Miguel Pimentel, 154, drew with Ritchie Fowler, 150.

Over four, experienced Kirk Blair, 139, halted Daryl Cribb, 128, in the final round.

John McColl promotion.
(03-15-85)

►**DOLLS POINT—Georges River Sailing Club**—Australian and Commonwealth junior middleweight champion Ken Salisbury stretched his unbeaten record to 29 wins and one draw when he met Roy Alexander over 10 rounds non-title. Salisbury scaled 158¾, Alexander 161.

Alexander gave Salisbury just the workout the champion needed. He made Ken earn his four-point margin of victory. Dunningham refereed.

Six-rounders: Robbie Hitchenson, 168¾, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 185¼. Nooky Curyer, 163¾, drew with Jake Williams, 165¼.

Henry Bannock, 176½, outpointed Bull Peppernell, 174¼, four.

Club promoted with Bernie Hall acting as matchmaker.

Small club but it was packed with fans standing around the walls. Every contest was showered with notes and coins.
(03-22-85)

►**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Sydney's latest sensation, Jeff Fenech, was listed to meet Papua-New Guinea puncher Tumat Sogolik in the main but Fenech withdrew a day or two before the fight—sore shoulder or something like that. In any case, he had an IBF world title scheduled one month after this Dapto program. Australian junior-feather champion Mark Cribb substituted.

Cribb, 125½, scored a clear points win over Sogolik, 125¾, though he was shaken in round nine. Judge Tony Rok's card, 97-91, seemed close to the score. Paul Moore refereed.

Ivan Colusso, 150¼, knocked out Les Mathers, 157½. It was a spanking left hook that did it. One punch K.O. Mathers was out for about two minutes. Not much in the points up to then in a good fight. Scheduled for six, ended in the fourth.

Danny Shane, 133½, outpointed Andy Faulkner, 136, four.

Dino Billinghurst, 147¾, outpointed Robbie Fowler, 145½, four.

Nooky Curyer, 161, knocked out Wayne Berg with one left hook in round two; set for four. Berg weighed in at 154½.

Jimmy Henry, 135½, outpointed Ross Epifania, 143, three.

Sogolik broke his right hand in the main event but nobody knew about it until after the fight. He said he did it in the third round. When asked why he did not tell his cornermen about it he said: "They would have stopped the fight and that would not have been fair to the people who paid to see it."

Peter Fuller was matchmaker for the club.
(03-29-85)

►**MARRICKVILLE—RSL Club**—Only one fight this night, and that only ran eight rounds. Anthony Naidu, welter champion of the State of Victoria, went in with Darwin North. Each weighed in at 145½.

Referee Billy Males stopped the contest when North went down for the second time in round seven. It was found that North had his jaw broken in two places.
(03-29-85)

RAY MITCHELL

WORLD RATINGS
BY THE WORLD BOXING COUNCIL
(As of April 23, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Pinklon Thomas (U.S.)
1. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
2. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
3. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
4. James Broad (U.S.)
5. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
6. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
7. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
8. David Bey (U.S.)
9. Mitchell Green (U.S.)
10. Jeff Sims (U.S.)
11. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
12. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
13. Carl Williams (U.S.)
14. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
15. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
16. James Tillis (U.S.)
17. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
18. Randall Cobb (U.S.)
19. Walter Falconi (Argentina)
20. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
1. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
2. Dwight Braxton (U.S.)
3. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
4. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
5. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
6. Rickey Parkey (U.S.)
7. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
8. Henry Hearns (U.S.)
9. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
10. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
11. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
12. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
13. Young Joe Louis (U.S.)
14. Leon Spinks (U.S.)
15. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
16. Mitchell Greer (U.S.)
17. Pete McIntyre (U.S.)
18. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
19. Larry Lane (U.S.)
20. Spencer Chavis (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. Prince Mama Mohammad (Ghana)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
4. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
5. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
6. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
7. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
8. Leslie Steward (Trinidad)
9. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
10. Jean Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
11. David Sears (U.S.)
12. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
13. John Davis (U.S.)
14. James MacDonald (U.S.)
15. Richard Caramanolis (France)
16. Don LaLonde (Canada)
17. Grover Robinson (U.S.)
18. Bobby Jennings (U.S.)
19. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
20. Jose Flores (Uruguay)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. James Shuler (U.S.)
2. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
3. James Kinchen (U.S.)
4. Donald Lee (U.S.)
5. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
6. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
7. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
8. Curtis Parker (U.S.)
9. John Collins (U.S.)
10. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
11. Mark Holmes (U.S.)
12. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
13. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
14. Sumbu Kalambay (Zaire)
15. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
16. Alex Ramos (U.S.)
17. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
18. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
19. Kevin Mosley (U.S.)
20. Errol Christie (Great Britain)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. David Braxton (U.S.)
3. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
4. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
5. Fred Hutchings (U.S.)
6. Davey Moore (U.S.)
7. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
8. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
9. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
10. James Green (U.S.)
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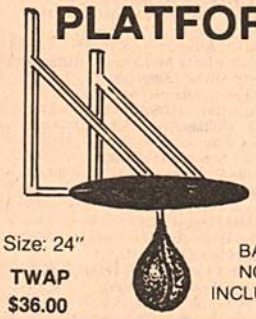

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Tyrell Biggs KO1 Mike Perkins
Alex Williamson D6 Willie de Witt

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Leon Spinks KO3 Rick Keller
Ricky Parkey KO1 Bob Crabtree
Chisana Mutti W10 Tom Collins

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Marvin Johnson KO6 Eddie Davis
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Anthony Witherspoon W10 Tony Nelson
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Harry Cowap W10 Jonjo Green
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Herol Graham KO1 Jimmy Price
(Won Vacant British Title)
James Kinchen W10 Buster Drayton
Mark Holmes W10 Arnold Neal
Carl Jones W10 Jose Vallejo
Alex Hilton W10 Tommy Rogers
Jose Quinones KO4 Horacio Perez

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Robert Hines W10 Kevin Howard
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Matthew Hilton KO9 Roberto Hernandez
Luis Santana KO3 Daryl Chambers
Mike Picciotti KO6 Charlie Smith
George Steinherr W12 Emilio Solo
(Retained EBU Title)

WELTERWEIGHTS

Marlon Starling W12 Floyd Mayweather
(Retained USBA Title)
Jose Duran Martinez W10 Bruce Finch
Sanford Ricks W10 Al Santana

Champion Santos Laciar (left) looks at a right thrown by French challenger Antoine Montero during their WBA flyweight title bout in Grenoble. Laciar retained his belt with a unanimous 15-round decision.

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Rene Arredondo KO1 Hector Medina
Vincent Pettway KO8 Steve Mitchell
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Frankie Warren KO3 Rick Kaiser
Darryl Martin KO3 David Turner
Angel Cruz D12 Felix Santiago
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Rene Weller KO11 Frederic Geoffroy
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Cornelius Boza-Edwards KO2 Melvin Paul
Edwin Rosario KO2 Alberto Ramos
Cubanito Perez W10 Pat Jefferson
Pernell Whitaker W6 Nicky Parker
Chris Calvin KO10 Brett Summers
Vinnie Pazienza KO6 Antoine Lark
Raphael Sims KO5 Joe Sosa

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

Julio Cesar Chavez KO6 Ruben Castillo
(Retained WBC Title)
Lester Ellis KO13 Rod Sequenan
(Retained IBF Title)

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Calvin Grove W10 Idabeth Rojas
Lupe Pintor KO2 Eugenio Morgan
Tommy Cordova W10 Kelvin Seabrooks
Bernard Taylor W10 Benji Marquez
Refugio Rojas W10 Erskine Wade

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Juan (Kid) Meza KO6 Mike Ayala
(Retained WBC Title)
Ji-Won Kim W15 Ruben Dario Palacios
(Retained IBF Title)
Bryan Jones W8 Felix Cortez

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jeff French KO9 Satoshi Shingaki
(Won IBF Title)
Jose Chacon W10 Julio Soto Solano
Benito Badillo W10 Edgar Roman

FLYWEIGHTS

Santos Laciar W15 Antoine Montero
(Retained WBA Title)
Kwon Sun-Chon KO3 Shinobu Kawashima
(Retained IBF Title)
Hilario Zapata W10 Alonso Gonzales
Jung-Koo Chang W12 German Torres
(Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)

VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

BY CHARLIE SPINA

PERHAPS THE MOST HIGHLY REgarded Latin fighter during the 1930s was Pedro Montanez, "The Puerto Rican Cyclone." Born April 24, 1914 in Cayey, P.R., Montanez was a Spanish Jew. He started fighting professionally in 1931 in his native country and soon swept through all of his opponents to win the Puerto Rican lightweight title.

Lew Burston and Jimmy (Bow Tie) Bronson spotted this young tiger and quickly snatched him under their managerial wings. In 1934, Pedro and his managers sailed for Europe where Montanez soon became a sensation, scoring kayoes galore. Among the men he beat were Carlo Orlandi, Maurice Arnault, George Odwell, and Harry Brooks. Only the highly touted Saverio Tauriello managed to earn a 10-round draw with him.

After cleaning up all the top lightweights in France, Spain, Italy, and England, Pedro came to the United States, making his American debut October 16, 1935. He outpointed leading contender Steve Halaiko over 10 and went on to beat the likes of Phil Rafferty, Pete Mascia, Al Roth, Joey Costa, Bobby Pacho, Aldo Spoldi, Lenny DelGenio, Grankie Klick, and Irish Eddie Brink.

1937 was Pedro's best year in boxing. Following three straight knockouts, he was matched in an elimination bout with Enrico Venturi. Montanez beat Venturi in a thrilling 12-rounder at the old Garden, and signed for a non-title bout against champion Lou Ambers. Although Pedro decisioned Ambers in a tremendous scrap, he had to rack up another series of knockout victories before finally getting a shot at Lou in a title bout.

Fistic hero from the past: Pedro Monanez

The Ambers-Montanez bout was apart of the Carnival of Champions held at the Polo Grounds, September 23, 1937. There were two other world title fights on the card, but Lou and Pedro were both very popular fighters, and pulled down the biggest payday on the star-studden show. Both men put up a helluva fight, but Ambers left the ring a clear winner after a sensational battle.

Montanez continued as a leading contender, winning his next dozen or so bouts. He was stopped by hard-hitting Davey Day in 1939, but the following year was matched with Henry Armstrong for the welterweight corwn. Armstrong stopped Pedro in nine rounds, January 24, 1940, ending Montanez's days at the top. Pedro fought on for a few more years, and then hung up his gloves for good.

Following his retirement from the ring, Pedro trained amateurs and became a successful businessman.

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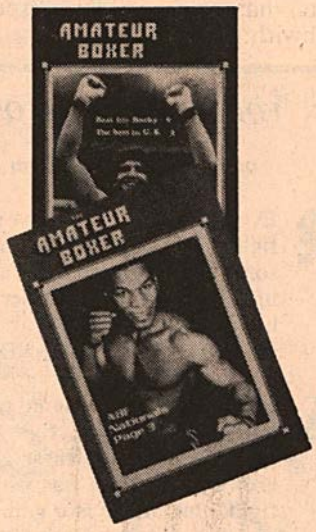

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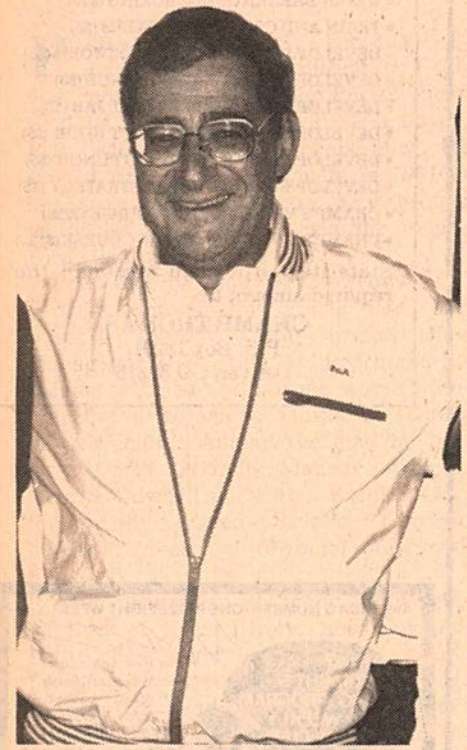

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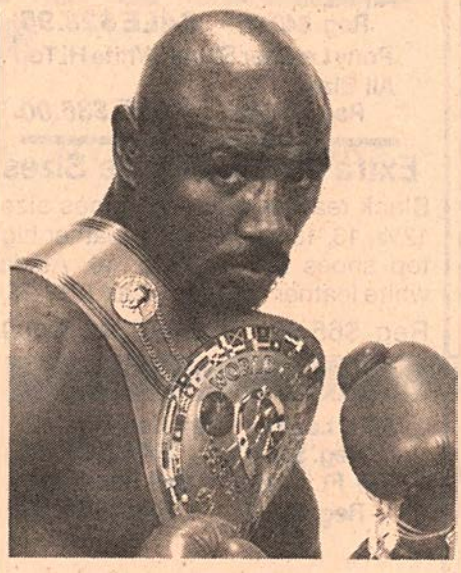
B.G., NEWARK, N.J.

A **I don't believe I could sell Curry as having a great chance against Marvin right now. But in a year-and-a-half or two, as he moves up in weight, Curry and Hagler will be the super fight of the century.**



FOR MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER

Q You seem like such a nice man outside the ring. How dò you manage to be so mean once the bell rings?
J.S., LAS VEGAS, NV

A **Once I step into the ring, something just takes over. That monster has to come out. It's protection. I learned early in my career that I'd rather see the other guy's butt on the deck than mine.**

FOR TYRELL BIGGS
Olympic Gold Medalist and professional prospect

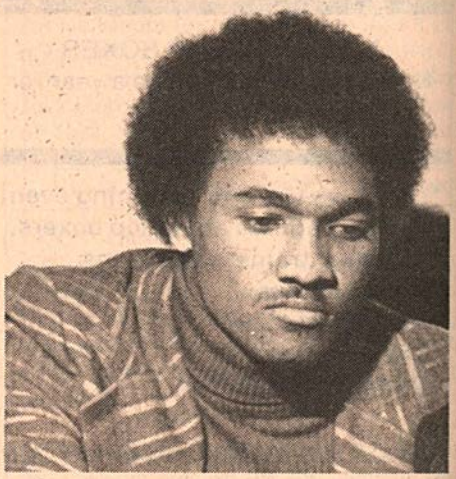
Q I see that you are fighting again. Does this mean you have licked your problem with drug and alcohol abuse?
R.D., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A **Right now, I don't use drugs or alcohol. I feel I am recovering. I will always be recovering. I can't say I'm cured. You don't get cured, you just get well. I'm well now and I'm going to work to stay that way.**

FOR DAVID BRAXTON
NABF junior middleweight champion

Q Even though you won your recent fight with Reggie Miller in Detroit, some of your hometown fans ended up rooting for Miller. What happened?
A.B., ORLANDO, FLA.

A **I played around in some rounds. It taught me a lesson. I've got to go out and get rid of these guys. The crowd thought he was winning the fight. But Miller is a game fellow, and he fought a helluva fight.**

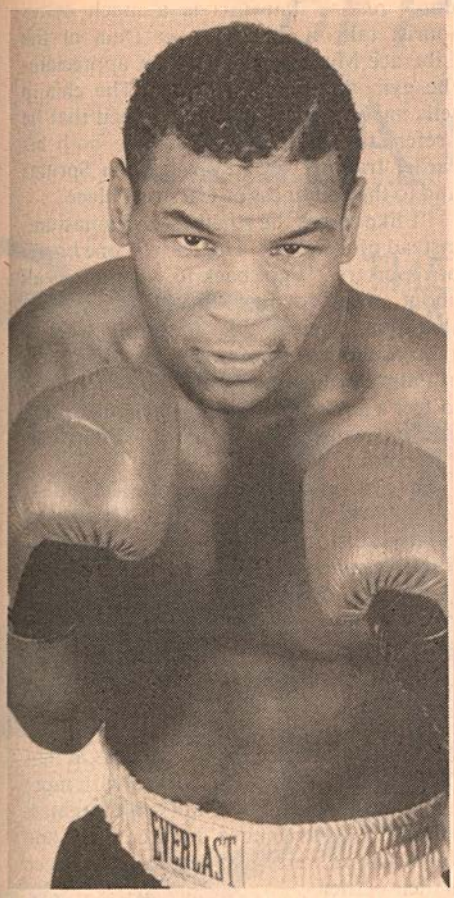


FOR WILLIE "THE WORM" MONROE
Former middleweight contender

Q What do you remember about your winning fight with Marvelous Marvin Hagler back in 1976?
G.J., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A **He (Hagler) was young, strong and cocky. But he had never fought anybody of my caliber. I was about 31, but still has a little bit left. The main thing was that he couldn't figure out how to get around my jab. But he had so much heart. He was bleeding all over the place, but kept trying to win.**

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION



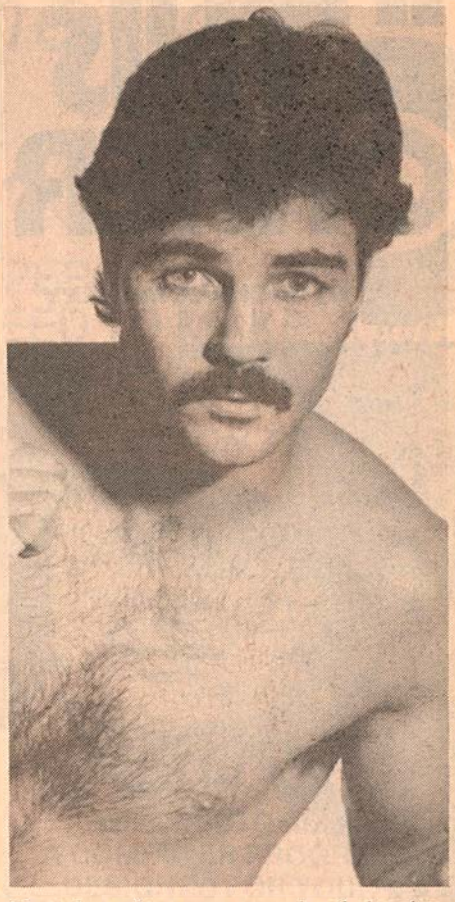
MIKE TYSON RATES THE HEAVYWEIGHTS

IT COULD ALMOST BE SAID THAT Mike Tyson was bred to be a boxer. The undefeated heavyweight prospect has been living with the legendary Cus D'Amato since he was 13. D'Amato, who guided both Floyd Patterson and Jose Torres to world championships, is also Mike's legal guardian . . . Although he recorded a fine 22-3 amateur record, both Mike and Cus feel that his style is more suited to the professional ranks . . . "In amateur boxing, the objective is different than in the pros," says D'Amato. "A very dull boxer can be an amateur champion. But professional boxing is entertainment. A successful pro has to be entertaining. From the beginning, Mike has been taught to be exciting. In my opinion, Mike is also the hardest puncher in the world." . . . Tyson's first two pro bouts seems to back up D'Amato's heavy praise. Mike kayoed both of his opponents in the first round . . . Both Cus and Mike realize the importance of gradually stepping up the caliber of opposition . . . "As time goes by, I want to fight better, and better guys," claims Mike. "A lot of fighters get a phoney build-up and are embarrassed when they get a nationally televised bout against a top name. I don't want that to happen to me." . . . Nevertheless, Tyson has set a very busy schedule for himself . . . "I expect to be fighting for the heavyweight championship within two years." . . . If D'Amato is correct Mike just might be his third world champion . . . Mike is co-managed by Jim Jacobs.

1. Pinklon Thomas
2. Larry Holmes
3. David Bey
4. Tim Witherspoon
5. Carl Williams
6. Mike Weaver
7. James Broad
8. Tony Tubbs
9. Bonecrusher Smith
10. Gerry Cooney

MIKE PICCIOTTI RATES THE JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

ALTHOUGH IT WAS ONLY THE SECOND loss of his career, Mike Picciotti quite boxing following his 1982 decision loss to Johnny Cooper. He suffered a broken bone under the eye that pinched a nerve. The injury left the right eye feeling numb, but that's not the only reason Mike hung up his gloves . . . "I was getting a little bored with boxing, anyway. I was tired of training and not really making any big money." . . . But almost two years later, the boxing bug bit Picciotti again and he returned to the gym . . . "I'm 28 and wanted to see if I could still make it before I got too old. I want to see how far I can go. Also, with a wife and four kids, I need the extra money." . . . In his first comeback bout, Mike stopped Orlando

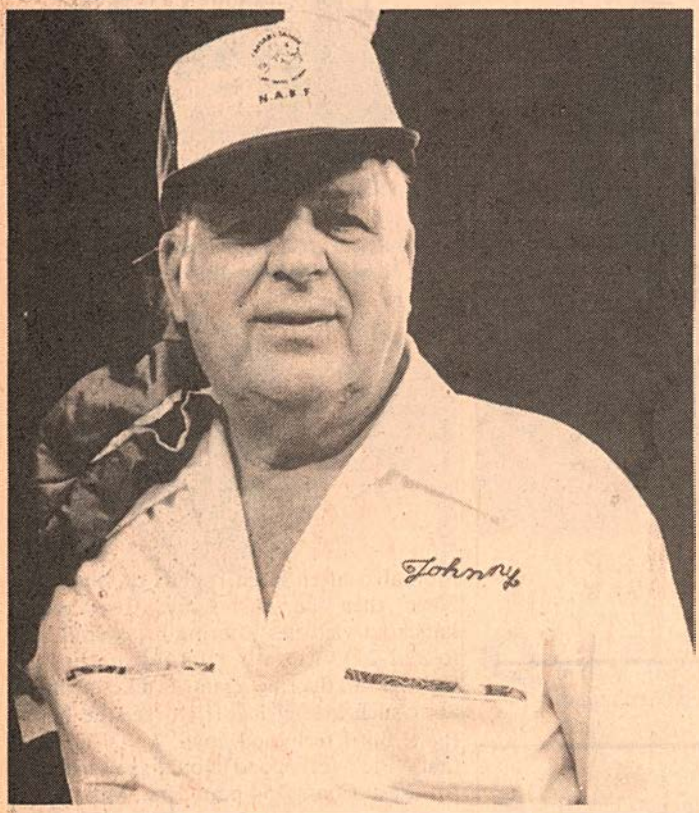


Montalvo after seven rounds of slugging. Since then he has scored two more knockout victories to bring his overall log to 27-2-2, 13 KOs . . . "Im just starting to feel right in the ring again. It takes awhile, after such a long layoff, to get the body right. But I feel good now." . . . The fact that "Pic" feels good should spell trouble for East Coast 154-pounders. Mike is a young veteran with plenty of ring smarts—not to mention a solid punch in both fists . . . Although he has never fought any "big name" fighters, Mike has tangled with a lot of rugged club fighters and seasoned journeymen such as Joe Tiberi (KO3), Michael Herron (W10), and Joe Bradford (KO7). Whether or not he can hold his own when he steps up in class, remains to be seen, but at least he's giving it one more try . . . Picciotti is trained and managed by Marty Feldman.

1. Thomas Hearns
2. John Mugabi
3. Carlos Santos
4. Davey Moore
5. Mike McCallum
6. Donald Curry
7. David Braxton
8. Buster Drayton
9. Matthew Hilton
10. Julian Jackson

IN THIS CORNER

By MICHAEL MARLEY



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JOHNNY TOCCO (GYM PROPRIETOR)

THIS LOW-ROLLER LANDED IN VEGAS late Thursday afternoon. The temperature had soared past 90 before noon and the only thing hotter than the weather was the fight fever building on The Strip. My barometer was the cabdriver who took me from my hotel down to Johnny Tocco's Gym at the corner of Main and West Charleston.

"Hearns-Hagler? They're scalping the tickets already," the driver said. "People have ads in the paper. You could make yourself a g-note if you had four good ones."

On this night, you could've scalped tickets for admission to Tocco's barnlike structure. Word has somehow leaked out that at six o'clock Marvelous Marvin will conduct a semi-secret (press only) workout. And the 74-year-old Tocco has to keep his front door locked as a variety of rogues demand or plead for entrance. Tocco is holding court before Hagler arrives and loving every minute of it.

I tell Johnny I love Hearns and the veteran trainer-gym owner is a bit surprised. He warns me to switch sides now.

"I don't think I have every see Marvin as mean and angry. He is like a wounded tiger," Tocco says. I consider this privileged information, a favor owing to my three years on the Vegas fight beat, but then Tocco shares it with a CBS News producer and her camera. Minutes later, the media mob descends in force.

There are writers from Cape Cod, Boston, Cleveland, the A.P. and Texas. There are the radio guys and the still photographers and they are steaming inside Tocco's until Hagler appears for batting practice on the heads and bodies of Jerry Holly and Boogaloo Watts. Most of them don't have a clue to the historic nature of both Tocco and his place of business. They don't realize that this is a much better tourist take-in than Hoover Dam or the Liberace Museum. But Hagler appreciates the gym and the proprietor. The champ tells anyone with a pad and pencil that he prefers the gritty atmosphere to both his earlier training site in plush Palm Springs and to the gaudiness of Caesars Palace.

"I like to get the smell of a gymnasium, instead of a circus," Hagler tells one bunch of reporters. "I got back to what it was all about, what got me where I am, being a champion, being able to smell what a gymnasium was—because I was down there in Palm Springs for a long time—I wanted to feel a gymnasium atmosphere and put a little more juice back in there," Hagler tells a columnist.

The patron saint of Tocco's Ringside—as about 40 wall photos attest—is Charles (Sonny) Liston. Liston would appreciate Hagler's style and class. He'd like the fact that Marvin saw fit to plug his pal's place.

Tocco has been putting "the juice back in there" for fighters in Vegas for 30 years. The Ringside opened its doors in '63, next to Charleston Liquors, a bar Tocco operated mainly to bankroll the gym. He also hustled a living as a keno boss at The Carousel downtown. He worked with more suspects than prospects but solid fighters such as Ferd Hernandez, Freddie Little and Ralph Dupas were fortunate to have Tocco in their corner.

Whenever Tocco believed that a kid had so little talent that he might get seriously injured, he told the hopeful the bitter truth.

"I tell guys to go to work," Tocco says. "No sense in a kid getting hurt."

And through the flush times and the bad times, Tocco kept hustling and kept his doors open. He was the host to some champs who paid their way and others who grabbed a freebie. Tocco got $2500 from Earnie Shavers and his group for the Ali fight, but George Foreman once had four days of private workouts and left only a goodbye on his way out the door.

In 58 years in boxing, dating back to his St. Louis years when Tocco owned a bowling alley-gymnasium which attracted fighters such as Willie Pep, Sandy Saddler and Ray Robinson, the big score has eluded Tocco. But Tocco keeps paying the rent and his doors stay open.

"You always hope a kid will walk through the door. One who can be a contender," Tocco says.

And, sandwiched between Hank Electric Motors and American Car Stereo, the Ringside Gym endures. It's an Old School gym run by an Old School fight guy.

It's no wonder Marvelous Marvin considers it a slice of heaven. He is one of the last graduates of the Old School. And it takes one to know one. □

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